

Felted Tote Bags

Made by OLLI members
Fall 2018 College for Seniors class

Making Knitted Felted Items

Making Knitted Felted Items was a new visual arts course offered in the Fall term. Instructor Sally Pete led 12 experienced knitters through the process of knitting items with 100% wool yarn and then shrinking them in the washing machine on the hot water setting. The finished product, also called “Boiled Wool”, is approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ smaller than the unfelted knitted item. The main project was a felted tote bag. The bags were knitted in the round, using large circular needles and finally double point needles to shape the bottom. Each bag is unique. The final size and shape depends on the type of wool yarn, the number of times it is washed, the temperature of the water, and how it is blocked and shaped. Some class members lined their bags with coordinating fabric and one even put in a zipper.

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