



Spring Faeries

MATERIAL LIST

Everything you need to get started making your faeries...

Materials:

1. **Natural 100% Wool Felt** - I love to use hand dyed felt for these faeries, however you can also use commercially dyed felt or dye your own. You will need a piece of felt 8cm x 14cm / (approx. 3in x 5in) per faerie.

2. **Tricot or cotton interlock** for the face - You will need a piece of tricot 7cm x 10cm / (approx. 3in x 4in) per head + some scraps for the hands.

Note - Tricot is usually sold in set cm/inches of the tubular piece - I recommend approx. 15cm/ 6 inch piece (of a 40cm/ 16 inch tube) to make 4-5 little dolls. This is what I use to make all my dolls so having left over means lots of fun making other projects!

If tricot isn't something you can get, you can tea dye an old cotton singlet or some baby socks.

3. **Wool fleece for stuffing** the head and body. 100 grams will be plenty however again this is usually sold in larger quantities and used in all my faerie, doll, gnome making projects. It is also fabulous for stuffing felt animals.

4. **Wool for Hair** - English Leicester & Mohair is what I have used on the fair haired dolls. For the darker dolls I have used two different colours of Corriedale fleece mixed together. 50 grams of fibre should be enough for 4-5 dolls. Corriedale will usually be sold in larger quantities than this, however again it is useful for all other dolls.

You could use knitting wool/ yarn if that's all you can get your hands on. Something with a little bit of fuzz would be ideal but not essential.

5. **Cotton Chenille Sticks/ Pipe Cleaners** - You will need a 10cm/4 inch length per faerie for the arms.

6. **Little piece of silk**, organza, chiffon or other light weight/ sheer fabric for wings - 8cm x 11cm (approx. 3in x 4in)

7. **Embroidery threads** in colours of your choice - I like to work with DMC threads, these are available from craft stores and online. I also love Tamari twist cottons which can be purchased from String Harvest in Australia.

8. **Sewing Needles** - I personally love to sew with Quilt Basting Needles (these are very long thin needles and wonderful for attaching hair as they can go through the head with ease). For sewing up the body & embroidery I like to use Chenille Needles (size 22) and general Embroidery Needles (size 6). Also available from craft stores or online. However any needle will do!

9. **A Strong Cotton in colour of skin tone & hair** - I like to use Gutermann Quilting Thread - however you can use any cotton or polyester thread. You could also use Embroidery thread. Charity/ Second hand shops usually have so many spools of thread so make sure you take a look there.

10. **Pins + Scissors**

11. Wool felt and fabric scraps, gumnuts or tiny seed pods for **embellishment**.

Sourcing Materials for your Dolls, Faeries & Gnomes

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Australian & NZ

[Indigo Inspirations](#) – A wonderful supplier for hand dyed wool yarn and wool felt (I love to use Jo's wool felt for dressing my dolls), wool fleece for stuffing, carded corriedale/ merino wool for doll hair (Story dolls), embroidery cottons and much more.

[Winterwood Toys](#) – A beautiful Steiner/ Waldorf inspired craft supplier with a comprehensive range of hand dyed and commercial dyed 100% wool felt, wool fleece for stuffing, doll making tricot, carded corriedale/ merino wool for doll hair (Story dolls), English Leicester (for Spring Faeries), chenille sticks/ pipecleaners, cotton muslin, and silk play cloths.

[Tanglewood Toys \(New Zealand\)](#) – A beautiful waldorf inspired online toy store that stock doll making tricot (doll skin tone knit).

[String Harvest](#) – My favourite Temari Twist Cottons (Temaricious)

[Spotlight](#) – Needles & [DMC Embroidery Cotton](#), Pins & Scissors

[My favourite Gutermann "Waxed Cotton Quilting Thread"](#)

[My favourite Quilt Basting Needles](#) – Birch Basting Needles Silver Size 7 (Fabulous for the sewing on hair as it can get through the head)

[DMC Variation Threads](#) (these are beautiful threads with various colours/ tones in the one thread)

International

[Little Oke Dolls \(UK\)](#) – a full range of doll making materials including tricot and wool stuffing.

[Weir Dolls & Craft \(USA\)](#) – comprehensive supplier of doll making materials

[A Child's Dream \(USA\)](#) – an online Waldorf inspired store stocking lots of doll making supplies.

[Acorns & Twigs \(USA\)](#) – an online Waldorf inspired store stocking Waldorf doll making materials.

[Maplerose \(Canada\)](#) – Wool Felt

[Bear Dance Crafts \(Canada\)](#) – Wool felt & doll making supplies

[HobbyCraft \(UK\)](#) – [DMC Variegated Embroidery Cotton](#), [Gutermann Quilting Cotton](#), Needles, Pins & Scissors.

Etsy is also a wonderful resource for suppliers of doll making materials.

Local Steiner/ Waldorf Shop – If you have a local Waldorf school shop you may also find the materials there.

