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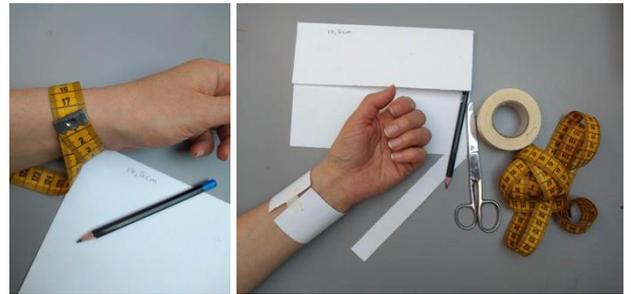
Recycled Felt Bracelet

MATERIALS:

- Strips or scraps of felted wool (*)
- Cotton Fabric (for the back of the bracelet)
- Double-sided interfacing for fabric
- Masking tape
- Scissors or fabric cutter
- Paper & pencil
- Needle & thread
- Button



1 Measure your wrist loosely and, in a piece of paper, cut a rectangle with that length. The width of the rectangle (bracelet) is your choice but don't make it less than 3cm. In the picture is 5cm. Tape the ends to try it on and adjust the size.



2 Using the paper mould, mark the rectangle (adding 1mm or 2mm) to the fabric you have chosen and also to the interfacing (be sure to mark on the paper side) and cut them both.



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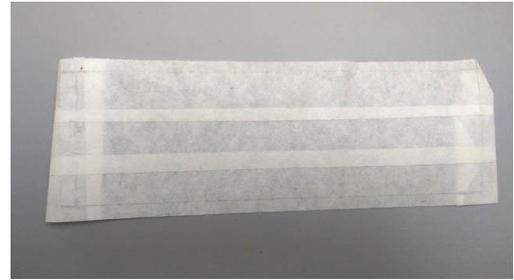
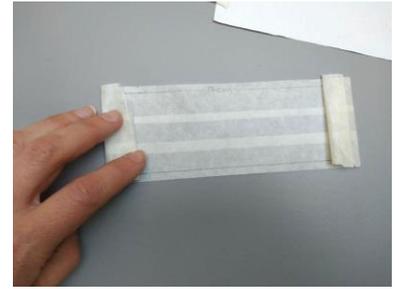
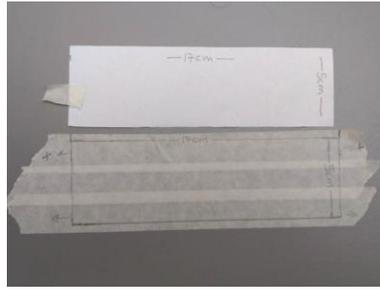
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Masking tape Base

Now make a base with the Masking Tape to fix the strips of felt into it, this way you can organize the composition without it moving all over. Cut a few pieces the wanted length and tape them lengthwise among themselves.

Leave some extra tape on both sides of the rectangle to roll or fold it and tape it to your working surface as well, this helps in the process.

Don't use a plastic tape because we will be ironing the composition later and apart from melting it can damage your iron.



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Organizing the felt pieces

For this tutorial I used seams of felted sweaters that were left over after cutting them and using them for other projects. You can use any part of the felt you want but make sure the thickness is more or less even in all the pieces. Check the explanations at the end of your tutorial on how to transform your wool sweaters into felt. (*)

- Make the drawing of the rectangle paper on the tape
- Cut the pieces of felt making sure to have minimum 2mm extra on the edges, you will have to cut it later to have clean edges
- Place them very close to each other and if there is a side of the felt that you like more, place it facing down to the tape as this will be the visible side of the bracelet once finished. Do this until the whole surface is filled and you are happy with the combination of colours.



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5 Gluing the fabric and the felt together

First, you will need to transfer the interfacing onto the fabric. Place the fabric on the ironing board facing wrong side up and place the adhesive side of the interfacing on top, so that the paper side is looking at you. Iron the paper just for a few seconds until the glue melts and it sticks to the fabric. Let cool down and then peel of the paper side. Now place the side of the interface to which you have just removed the paper on top of your felt strips and iron for about a minute. Let cool down and remove the masking tape carefully. Cover with a cotton cloth (avoid synthetic) and iron for a bit longer pressing it and making sure all the bits are well glued.



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Finishing touches

Trimming the edges

For this you will need a pair of sharp scissors or a fabric cutter. Use a ruler to make sure you mark where are you going to cut and that your lines are straight.

I like to round a bit the corners, it gives it a nice finish.

Button & Loop

Saw your button, if possible using a thicker thread or using double regular thread to make it solid. Choose a piece of felt to make the loop that will go around your button, pin it like in the picture and try it on to arrange the size if needed.

After the loop is sewn you can reinforce it with an extra piece of fabric using the interface. Let it cool down and your bracelet is finished!!!!!!!



(*) Transforming your wool sweater into felt.

- The sweater needs to be at least 80 % wool.
- Machine wash it in a warm (about 60 degrees) regular cycle.

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