

# EDUCATORS ARTLAB 2025



Sunday, July 6 - Friday, July 11

Kansas City Art Institute  
Educators ArtLab 2025  
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## FIBER

### *Fiber/Textile Fabrication: Felting*

**INSTRUCTOR:** Marie Bannerot McInerney, Professor in Fiber

Felting is the process of taking wool fibers and compressing those fibers into a new form with the addition of moisture and agitation. It is one of the oldest methods of making fabric and because of its direct and adaptive nature it was essential to early nomadic people. The versatility of felting makes it an ideal process to introduce into any classroom as it can be highly sophisticated while also direct and approachable. During this four day intensive, students will learn methods of working with wool to create two and three-dimensional surfaces and forms while exploring surface design and color. Emphasis in this course will be on exploring methods of felting that could inform each participant's personal artistic studio practice as well as suggesting ways of introducing felting into the classroom.

### *Studio Materials to Bring*

- [Waterproof rubber gloves](#) - we will be using soap and working with wet processes (think dish gloves)
- Sketches/photographs of textures, patterns, imagery you are interested in incorporating in your work
- Sketches/photographs of three-dimensional shapes that inspire you
- Loosely woven, knit or lace fabric samples (12" x 12") or more to experiment with (can be cheese cloth, gauze, etc) - natural materials work better than synthetic
- [Tapestry needle](#)
- Any hand stitching supplies and/or [embroidery floss](#) and supplies if you would like to further explore refining or adding to the surface of your felt works

Supplies with links may be ordered online from the [KCAI Underground](#). Students may contact the Underground at [artstore@kcai.edu](mailto:artstore@kcai.edu) or (816)802-3349 to have supplies available for pick up prior to the start of class, or when the store opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 7th.