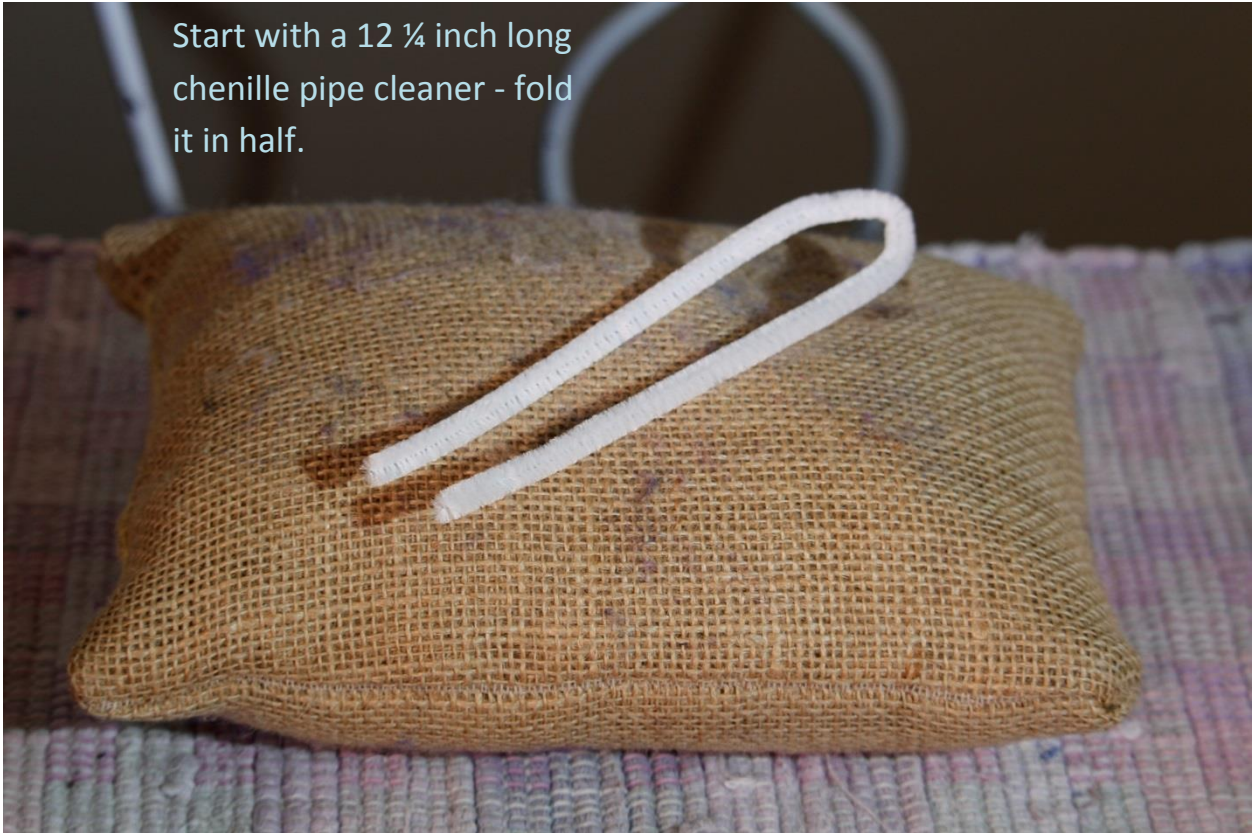


Griselda's Dancing Shoes



*A Needlefelting Tutorial by
MisPlace Dolls*

Start with a 12 ¼ inch long chenille pipe cleaner - fold it in half.



Twist the pipe cleaner (from the folded end) down a couple of inches. How long this twisted length needs to be depends on how much the toes are to curl.



Take the ends of the pipe cleaner and bend them back towards each other. This is the framework for the base of the shoe. This width and length should reflect the size of the shoe for the character's foot.



Taking the ends of the pipe cleaner, twist them together to complete the loop.



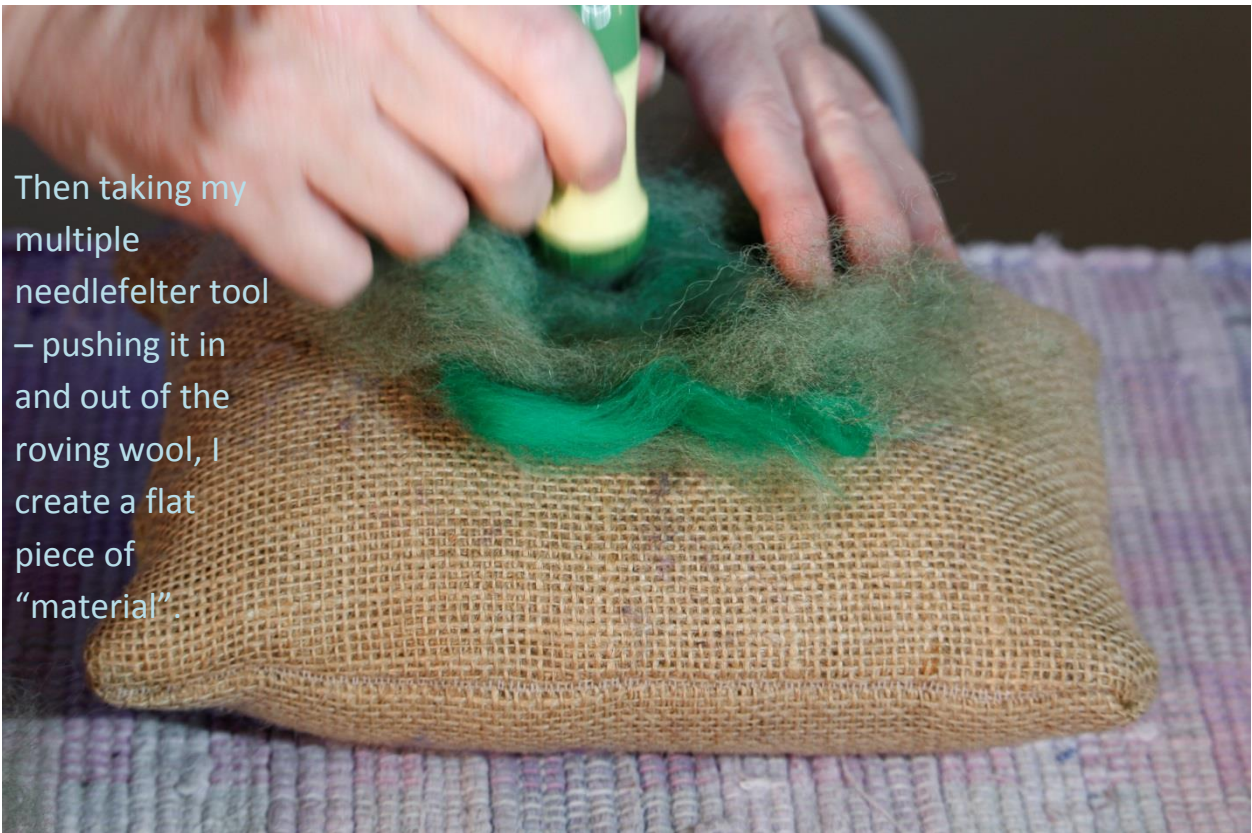
Griselda's dress has
green, so that is why
my color choices.
One green is good,
two are better.



Taking a piece
of each color,
lay one on top
of the other.



Then taking my
multiple
needlefelter tool
– pushing it in
and out of the
roving wool, I
create a flat
piece of
“material”.



After finishing my “material”,
I take another piece of roving wool and
wrap it around the end of the pipe cleaner
shoe that I had twisted
together to make the
curl of the toes.



After wrapping it around the end of the pipe cleaner, I take my single felting needle and secure the wool in place with a few pokes of the needle.



Now I take the “material” that I had created earlier and place it under the pipe cleaner frame. I then pull that up and around the pipe cleaner.





I then take my single felting needle and start securing the felt around the frame by poking the wool with my needle.



For the larger flat areas, I use my multiple needle tool and continue to wrap the felt around the frame.

When I am done working the wool,
I have two flat pieces to be used for
the base of the shoes.



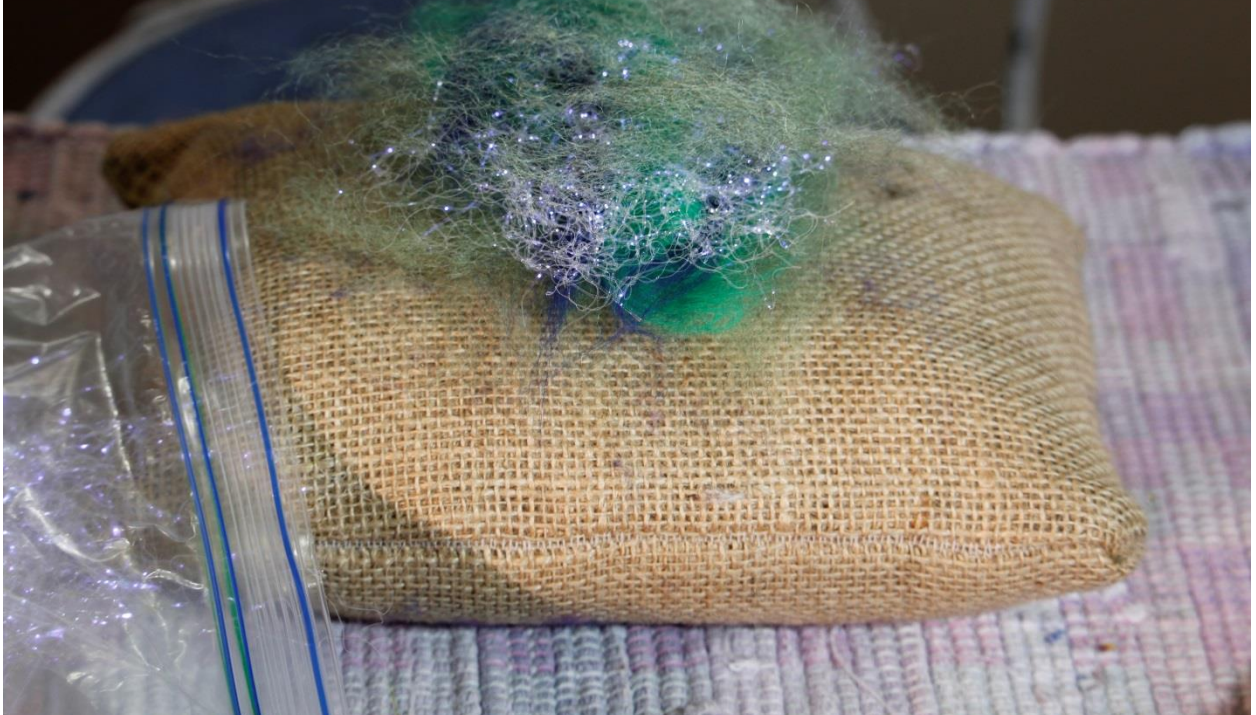
I decided I was going to have a little fun with this project and added a heel.
This is more like a slipper shoe for Griselda. I take one piece of pipe cleaner and wrap it around my finger like a cork screw. I then wrapped roving wool around the heel.

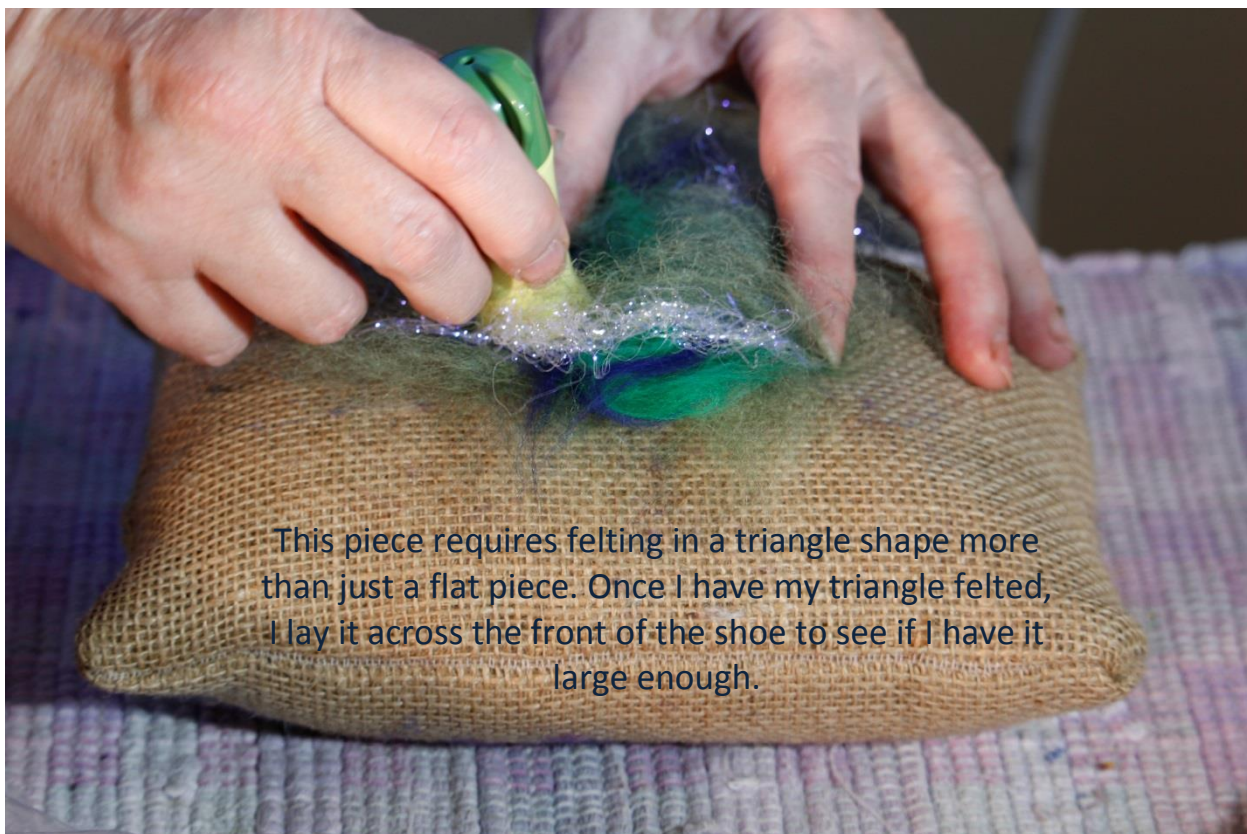


After wrapping the wool around the heel, I attached it to the base of the shoe with a little more wool. I also put a bend in the shoe like what a high heel shoe would have.



Now I needed to make the top of the shoe. I wanted a little bling, so I added a little blue roving wool and some Angelina's spark to my layering process.





This piece requires felting in a triangle shape more than just a flat piece. Once I have my triangle felted, I lay it across the front of the shoe to see if I have it large enough.



I then secure the side of the triangle to the side of the shoe with some more needlefelting.



Finally, I add some flowers and some beads to the top of my shoes and curled the ends of the pipe cleaners back for the whimsical look of a magical shoe.

Hope you have enjoyed this tutorial. The original idea for the shoes came from Sarafina's Fiber Arts youtube.com with tweaks of my own. Incidentally, Griselda loves her new dancing shoes.



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