Dear Cabrillo Students,
Summer is fast approaching, and I’m very much looking forward to spending time with you and introducing you to all you can do with felted wool. I want to help you get the most out of the felting workshop, so here is some additional information for you.

Wool is a very forgiving and workable medium, and felting is a process that requires time, patience, and repetitive physical work from your hands and arms. We will have two weekends together; the first will introduce you to the basics and get you started, and the second will teach you more advanced techniques and finishes and address particular challenges or projects you come up with. This workshop is aimed at the total beginner as well as those who have some experience with the medium.

Your materials fee of $30 will cover all the basic supplies and materials you’ll need—felting needles, 12 oz of white wool roving, and a foam rubber work surface. But there are some things you should bring from home:

1. a sketchbook/notebook
2. any images if you have an idea of something you’d like to create in wool
3. and, if you’d like, a personal music device—since there will be time to simply work on your project.

In class I will have a range of extra tools you may use such as multi-needle holders, and some will be available for purchase. Additionally the local store ‘The Golden Fleece’ offers some felting supplies. Don’t worry about buying anything extra before the first class, but feel free to bring any materials and tools you may already have.

Don’t worry if you have no idea what you’d like to do with felted wool- you’ll get to learn a lot about the unique properties of the material that may inspire you. Class will consist of lots of demonstrations, slides, and plenty of time to just play and experiment. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me at the email address below. I look forward to sharing this unique and intriguing medium with you!

There is no food service on campus on the weekends. We do, however, have access to a refrigerator, toaster oven, microwave, and coffee maker.

Until then,
Stephanie Metz