



AKI 2022 – Leafy Plant

Make a leafy plant; it could be a flower, a fern or any plant that reaches out to the sun!



Suggested for grades 4-8 and to be done with supervision.

Materials needed:

- 1 piece of canvas mesh
- 1 scissor
- 2 pieces of different colored felt
- 1 double pointed knitting tool

How to create your Leafy Plant Textile:

1. Get one piece of colored felt and your scissors.
2. Start cutting the colored felt into imperfect long, rectangle shapes. They can be about 4 inches long and 1 inch wide.
3. Fold the rectangular shapes in half and cut in half to create two separate pieces.
4. You can start folding some rectangular pieces in half and experiment cutting corners off and creating different and unique shapes, such as ovals if you would like.
5. Repeat this process with your other piece of colored felt.
6. Set your scissors and any leftover pieces of felt aside.
7. Get a piece of canvas mesh and knitting tool.
8. Take one piece of the felt that you cut out and place around the center of the mesh canvas.
9. With your knitting tool, pick a corner of the felt to begin shoving into one holes of the mesh canvas.
10. Once you shove it through the canvas mesh with your knitting tool, begin to pull the other side with your finger until it is about halfway through.
11. Take the other part of the felt that you did not shove through and poke it through the hole right next to it using the same technique as before.
12. Pull the felt through with your fingers like you did before.

13. Pick another piece of the felt that you cut and repeat the same technique right next to the felt “leaf” you just created.
14. As you continue, make sure there’s one flat side and one side where all your felt “leaves” are coming out, creating your plant.
15. If you want, you can trim your felt leaves and the leftover mesh canvas surrounding your plant or you can leave as is. It is your choice.