

2023
DEPARTMENT 7
FELTING/FULLING

As we continue to plan for The Big E fair to be held September 15 through October 1 of 2023 our **exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change** and we suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email CreativeArts@TheBigE.com to request to be added to be added to our email list.

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All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Creative Arts Department and to acknowledge with entry submission that they have obtained copyright permission when appropriate.			
Entry Form Due	August 14	Online: https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/	
Entry Fee per Item	\$5		
Entry Limit	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13		
Classes	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18 D: Youth 5-12
Premiums	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17 White: \$14
Receiving	Tuesday, September 5: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center
Judging	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9	
Release	Monday, October 2, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 3, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center
After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.			
For additional information, contact Creative Arts at Creativearts@TheBigE.com or call (413) 205-5015.			

All armature must be covered.
 Divisions 701-704- Items must be made all by hand, no machine felting.
 Division 705 is for items with any machine felting.
NEW FOR 2023: There is a separate department for Felted Tapestries. See Department 17

- Division 701** Needle Felting all by hand with 100% wool.
- Division 702** Wet felting all by hand with 100% wool.
- Division 703** Needle Felting all by hand using any non-natural materials (including glass or plastic eyes, polymer clay, etc.).
- Division 704** Wet Felting all by hand using any non-natural materials (including glass or plastic eyes, polymer clay, etc.).
- Division 705** Other than classified – please describe on entry form.



Felting by Angelina Fleury



Felting by Miru Kunst (Youth)

You must indicate on your entry form if your item was made from a kit. A kit includes the pattern and the fiber.

If you created your own hand carded material, please attach a small card describing what pieces were created by you.

Judging Criteria

Originality	25%
Workmanship	25%
Executing Technique	15%
Finished Work / Presentation	15%
Degree of Difficulty	10%
Sculpting	10%
Materials / Created Materials	Bonus

Felting by Aleah Nicholson (Youth)



SPECIAL AWARDS FOR FELTING/FULLING

Selection of award recipient is based on "judge's choice" using criteria set by the donor of the award.

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 \$25 award to *Excellence in Youth Felting*