

# AQUILA THE KITTEN

## NEEDLE FELTING SUPPLIES



## YARN

### BODY:

Elle Family Knit (DK), duckling - 22 g

### ROSETTES:

Charity Pullskein (DK), duck egg - 21 g

### ACCENTS:

Charity Pullskein (DK), white - 15 g

### STRIPES:

Charity Pullskein (DK), charcoal - 15 g

### FLESH:

Lollipop (DK), pink - 6 g

### EYE, LIGHTEST:

Elle Family Knit (DK), spring crocus - 1 g

### EYE, MEDIUM:

Elle Family Knit (DK), african violet - 1 g

### EYE, DARKEST:

Mirage (4 ply), purple - 1 g

## TOOLS

Slicker brush

Clover felting needles, fine weight

Clover felting pen tool

Felting sponge

Scissors & pins

Tailor's pen or felt tip marker

## VIDEO



Click the play button to watch the video tutorial on Projectarian's YouTube channel

**Aquila the kitten can be fully made by crocheting only, or you can add custom markings to transform her into a specific breed of cat by needle felting.**

If you'd like to felt your cat, it's a good idea for the yarn that you crochet with to be the same yarn that you're going to use for making roving, so that the colours match for the felting stage.

Try to go for acrylic yarn and avoid cotton. When picking your yarn, you'll know whether it's suitable for felting by checking how the ply of the fibre unravels. If the tips split into strings like cotton, it won't felt, but if they fray into fluff that looks like fur, it will felt. A sure way to test is by brushing the end of your fibre as if you're untangling knotted hair, going slowly from the very tip and working your way up the fibre. If you can brush it out so that it turns into fluff in your brush, then it's suitable for felting. Aquila's video demonstrates what this looks like.

The fluff is your roving, which is the material that you'll attach to your model by using a felting needle.

When it comes to Aquila's eyes, you can felt over your crocheted eyes or omit the crocheted eyes and felt an entirely new pair onto the face. Felting over the crocheted eyes might cause them to bulge and then you may have to build up the face around them.

Watch Aquila's **video** for a full demonstration on how to felt your cat.

Read Aquila's **blog post** for more background info about the project.

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