



## Two Day Intensive Felted Hat Making Masterclass with Innerspiral supporting Brain Tumour Research

Some basic knowledge of felt making is advised as this is a masterclass in creating a hand felted wool hat, a physically demanding, yet highly rewarding process.

**Location:** The Farmhouse, Lower Drayton Farm, Penkridge, Staffs ST17 0UW  
**Dates:** Sat/Sun 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
**Cost:** £195.00  
**Time:** 0945 – 1630 each day  
**Places available:** 8



### What you will achieve

- a detailed knowledge of making felt
- a working knowledge of template design
- a finished hat to keep for yourself or to give as a gift, created from hand dyed wools
- the skills and inspiration to create more hats and felt in the future
- links to where to purchase wool, find further tutorials and to other fibre artists

### Your tutors

#### Who is Innerspiral?



Innerspiral is a micro, independent, fibre art studio based near Glastonbury town, in Somerset, UK. It was established in 2011 by Zara & Paul, both professional hatters who have been designing & creating their own colourful original felt hats for over seven years. They are well known for their top hats, magic hats, trilby hats and super tall top hats, original designs which use only their own hand dyed natural wool fibres.

Each hat made is a one of a kind piece of fibre artwear which could never be re-created. Their process and hats are unique and their masterclasses go into depth, teaching from over a decade of combined experience, and helping students to reach their full creative potential in hat form

Zara's mother was struck down with brain cancer in 2016 and died early 2017. The sudden and shocking illness devastated both her and her family, and Zara feels very strongly the need to be involved in raising awareness of brain tumour cancer.

## Masterclass content

You will have the opportunity to create either a trilby style hat or a short top hat

You will be working with hand dyed wools including Merino, Bluefaced Leicester and Teeswater fleece curls; you will be able to learn about template design, shading colours, felting in curls, hand fulling, and professional finishing techniques.

Each student may choose up to 4 colours of our hand dyed wools pre-prepared into drum carded batts, including a colour for the hatband. A selection of other colours will also be available to play with on the day, plus heaps of colourful fleece curls and firestar sparkle fibres. A handmade wooden button is included or you can bring your own, and you can finish the hat off with a piece of handspun art yarn through the button holes.



*Coffee & Lunch breaks are taken around 11.15am & 1pm*

### Day 1

Introduction & Welcome

Discussion on wool, felt & template design

Laying out wool

Laying out curls/surface design

Rubbing

Rolling

### Day 2

Cutting out

Hand fulling

Shaping

Washing out

Hatband

Finishing techniques



## Contact details:

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