

How to felt Dryer Balls

You will need some kind of gloves (nitrile are best) so that the fibre doesn't stick to your hands

You will need hot soapy water. Seconds fibre is unwashed so may be dusty (the llamas and alpacas dust bathe!) Change water as necessary!

You will need panty hose or knee high. One leg of panty hose makes four or one knee high makes two. Roll up one ahead of time.

Fluff up the fibre to make a cloud then grasp marble in the centre of the fibre



Drown it in the soapy water. You will be feeling for the marble at all times to make sure it is as centred as possible.

When you are happy that the fibre has given up its dust, hold the wet fibre in one hand and with your other hand, place the hose around it, pushing the fibre into the bottom of the hose, ensuring the marble is still centred.



Dunk it again in hot soapy water with the fibre inside the hose - remember to feel for the marble in the centre, then squeeze out the excess water

Tie a knot in the hose as close as possible to the fibre inside.

Tie a second knot (which replaces the toe of the first piece)



Cut between the knots. Remember to roll up the hose again, ready for the next one

Into the dryer with NO HEAT.

8 to 10 minutes should do it. Longer than that tends to felt the hose onto the ball, and makes your life miserable 😞

New bucket of nice clean, hot, soapy water for the repeat

This is what the dryer balls look like after 8 to 10 minutes in a no-heat dryer. Note: it's important to have a few in the dryer at one time. They need each other to bounce around with, so add some old ones if you have them



Cut off the knot and peel off the hose.



Nice furry ball creature 🐾



Put the furry balls back in the No-Heat dryer until firm (that's usually about 10+ more minutes)



Since the water was dirty, rinse and spin the dryer balls. Note: if the balls are not yet firm, put them back in the No-Heat dryer again for a few minutes
Final Stage: Put them back in the no-heat dryer for an hour or so, until they're nice and firm. Add a couple of drops of essential oil if you wish.

And this is the end result.

