

Felt Doorstop



You will need:-

Plastic fruit jar

Some felt. Ideally, use one felted jumper and some odds and ends of felt in other colours.

Scraps of lace

Embroidery thread or wool for embroidering

Cotton

Rice, sand, stones or similar to weigh the doorstop down

Cotton tape, ribbon or cord

Tools:-

Needle

Pokey Tool

Scissors

What to do:-

1. Take the lid off the jar and, using the pokey tool, carefully punch two holes in the top to pass the cord or tape through. You can make the holes bigger by wiggling the pokey tool in a circular motion until they are big enough. This will form a handle to lift the doorstop and hang it on a door handle. If you attach it to the felt it will be too heavy and will pull it out of shape.



2. Now fill the jar with pebbles/sand/rice to weigh it down (I used rice).
3. Pass cotton tape or cord through the holes so that you have a long loop on the top and tie the ends together tightly underneath so that when you screw the lid on the jar the ends are tucked away but you still have a loop coming through the top of the jar. Screw the lid on tightly.



4. Cut the sleeve off the jumper and pull it over the jar. Sew the ends neatly at the bottom so the jar will sit firmly on the ground and then trim the top of the sleeve and sew the ends over the lid of the jar, remembering to pull the loop through the top first. It doesn't have to be neat sewing as it will be hidden by the felt roof.

5. Cut four triangles with equal sides out of a different colour felt. I measure one centimetre bigger than the width of the jar to allow for seams. Join the sides of the triangles to form a roof shape, leaving a small hole in the top to pass the loop of tape or cord through, forming the handle. Pin in place round the sides of the jar before sewing firmly into position. At this stage, I added some lace for interest.



6. Cut a strip of felt and roll it to form a chimney shape. Secure and neaten the edges with needle and thread and sew through the roll to secure. Now sew the chimney to one side of the roof.
7. Now comes the fun bit as you can customise your doorstep using whatever you like. As you can see, I chose to put felt flowers and buttons on mine rather than a door and windows but you can do whatever you choose. You can embroider a door and windows or make them using scraps of felt and/or material.



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