



# A Trio of Felted Cupcakes

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**FINISHED SIZE:** 4" × 4" × 4"

## Ingredients for all Felted Cupcakes

12" wood skewer

4"-diameter Nerf ball or  
6"-long Nerf football

Needle-felting brush and  
5-needle punch

Single needle-felting  
needle

Craft knife such as X-ACTO

Sharp, serrated bread knife

Craft glue

## For Birthday Cupcake

Silver glitter glue

Needle and white thread or  
embroidery floss

White and silver metallic  
nylon yarn

Multicolored gradient yarn

Straight pins with assorted  
colors of large bead heads

Purple seed and trumpet  
beads

Large round bead (skewer  
needs to fit through)

Wool felt scraps:

White: 1 strip 9" × 2½"  
and 1 circle 2"

Purple: 6 hearts (pattern  
on page 100)

Wool roving: lavender,  
red, and blue

## For Valentine Cupcake

Pearl-headed straight pins  
in 2 sizes

Wool roving: brown and  
red

## For Christmas Cupcake

Straight pins with large black  
bead heads: 9

White and silver metallic nylon  
yarn

Wool felt:

Medium green: 3 holly  
leaves (pattern on  
page 100)

Dark green: 6" × 6"

Red: 9 berries (pattern on  
page 100)

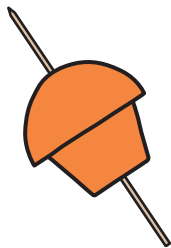
Wool roving: dark green  
and white



## Instructions

### BIRTHDAY CUPCAKE

1. Use the bread knife to slice the Nerf ball in half. Set aside one half for the top. (If using the football, carve the tip so it's rounded.)
2. Cut the other half down to a flared cylinder for the cupcake base. **Note:** Cut a bit off the rounded end so the cupcake sits flat.
3. Slide the cupcake base and top onto a skewer positioned through the center of each, with the pointed tip coming out the top. Apply glue between the base and the top. Press them together until dry. Leave both ends of the skewer intact to hold the cupcake as you work.



Slide cupcake onto skewer.

4. Wrap the strip of white felt snugly around the base, with the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " excess at the bottom. Stitch the felt closed with white thread or embroidery floss, catching some foam with each stitch.
5. Cut 7 notches in the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " excess felt at the bottom to create 6 little flaps. Fold each flap to the bottom, overlapping as you go and securing with a few stitches.
6. Snip a small hole in the center of the felt circle for the skewer. Place the felt circle on the bottom of the cupcake to cover the folded flaps. Stitch around the edges to secure.
7. Glue the 6 purple felt hearts upside down, overlapping a bit, all around the cupcake top. Allow the scalloped edges to extend past the edge. Apply glue to only the center area of each heart, not all the way out to the edges. Allow the glue to dry.

**8.** Needle lavender roving on the top to cover the areas of the Nerf ball that are not covered by felt. Start in the center and gradually work your way to the outer edges, using the side of the needle to guide the roving into the desired place.

**9.** Needle in a random curvy design all around the top with the multicolored yarn, or mark a shape in advance, then color it in with yarn. Add small pieces of blue and red roving on top of the lavender to make polka dots as desired.

**10.** Drop a bead onto the pointed tip of the skewer to create a base for the candle. Position the skewer so only 2"–3" remains at the top. Apply glitter glue to the skewer. Wind metallic yarn tightly around the skewer. Rub a little more glitter glue on the outside with your finger. When dry, trim the excess yarn, and add more glue if needed. Leave about ¼" of the yarn at the top for a wick.

**11.** Decorate the cupcake top with the straight pins.

**12.** To create the flutes of a cupcake paper cup, tie 6 pieces of white and silver yarn into individual 2" loops by knotting the ends and trimming off the excess. Position the loops evenly around the perimeter of the cupcake base. Use straight pins to secure each loop at the top and bottom of the cupcake base.

**13.** Snip off the bottom of the skewer flush with the felt base.



Secure loops with straight pins.



For a finishing touch, ice the edges of the felt hearts with silver glitter glue.



## VALENTINE'S CUPCAKE

1. Follow Steps 1–3 of the instructions for the Birthday Cupcake (page 34) to assemble the cupcake onto a skewer.
2. Needle brown roving around the sides and bottom of the base until you get a nice, even surface.
3. Wrap roving under the eave of the cupcake top, and needle it in. Needle roving on the top until you get the desired effect.
4. Lightly dampen your hands with water. Twist and roll a thin strip of red roving tightly between your fingers to form a loose snake of wool. Needle one end into the edge of the cupcake top. Use the side of the needle and your free hand to guide the wool into a scalloped border, and needle into place. Add bits of roving as needed to fill in evenly.

5. To make a fluffy heart decoration, roll a tuft of red roving (larger than the finished size you want for your heart) into a loose ball. Needle the ball of roving through the center into the top of the cupcake a few times to hold it in place. Pull one end down into a soft point for the bottom of the heart, and punch a few times. Continue to use the needle to shape the heart.
6. Place pearl-headed straight pins in groups of threes—in the center of the heart and along the scalloped border.
7. Trim the skewer from the top and bottom of the cupcake.



Shape heart with needle.



## CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE

1. Follow Steps 1–3 of the instructions for the Birthday Cupcake (page 34) to assemble the cupcake onto a skewer.
2. Trace 2 concentric circles onto the dark green felt. The inner circle should fit snugly around the top of the cupcake base, and the outer circle should be about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wider. Trim this ring from the felt and slide it up the cupcake base so that it sits flush under the eave of the cupcake top, extending out a bit. Glue it into place against the foam. This will give you a guideline for needle felting the roving so that the final cupcake size is thicker and fluffier than the foam form.
3. Needle white roving around the base and bottom. Needle dark green roving on the top.
4. Apply a strip of glue down the center of each holly leaf, and press into the desired

position on top of the cupcake. Glue the berries in clusters of 3 near or on the top of each leaf.

5. Push one black straight pin into each berry, off center.



Add holly leaf and berries.

6. Wrap metallic yarn around the cupcake base (just below the green felt ring) a few times, tie off, and tuck the ends inside.
7. Trim the skewer from the top and bottom of the cupcake.



*tip:* These versatile cupcakes can be used as pincushions, as memo holders, or simply as sweet decorations sitting on a dessert plate.