



When I think of *Let's get Technical...* I think about all the creative tools, processes, and techniques that we can use to move from a creative impulse or idea to an actual piece of felt or art. And not just any artwork... unique artwork

Creativity kick starters

- Make samples
- Work on a theme
- Make a series of work
- Get creative, draw, and doodle
- Travel somewhere, near or far, anywhere, and open your eyes!
- Find ways to look at your world differently
- Let the colours and textures of a place speak to you and inspire you
- Create with your own unique materials, print your own fabrics, learn to dye your own fibres, collect unusual materials
- Embrace technology- utilise photo apps for design, podcasts for creativity, use your camera more
- Collaborate with another artist
- Find an "Art Buddy"
- Create opportunities for co-creating and group work.
- Be part of an exhibition

Tidy, touch, imagine, explore, and experiment with different materials and in different ways

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Lucie's Action Words

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Actions for textiles

Repeat, lengthen, shorten, rotate, scatter, straighten, thicken, curve, mirror, add, cover, open up, close, layer, cross over, overlap, heighten, mix, distort, interrupt, enlarge, narrow, widen, remove, shrink, fill, reveal, enhance, cut, delete, reshape, fix, flatten, deepen, make thinner, split, bunch, bind, attach, redirect, spiral, radiant, loop, knot, wrap,

fold, pleat, wrinkle, glue, dye, print, stuff, stick, patch, paste, tear, repeat, lengthen, shorten, rotate, scatter, straighten, thicken, curve, mirror, add, cover, open up, close, layer, cross over, overlap, heighten, mix, distort, interrupt, enlarge, narrow, widen, remove, shrink, fill, reveal, enhance, cut, delete, reshape, fix, flatten, deepen, make thinner, split, bunch, bind, attach, redirect, roll, ...

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Materiality...

In my case it was threads that caught me, really against my will... but circumstances held me to threads and they won me over.

I learned to listen to them and to speak their language.

I learned the process of handling them.

And with the listening came gradually a longing for a freedom...

Anni Albers, Weaver 1938

Creativity Resources

Online Courses:

- IFA courses on website
- Fibre Arts Take 2
- Creative Strength Training with Jane Dunnewold
- Domestika- Approx. \$20 AUD- great value classes
- Craftsy
- Nicholas Wilton - Art2 Life

Books with creativity courses contained within them:

- The Artists Way by Julia Cameron (she has published many books on creativity)
- Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards

Books:

- Robert Fritz- Create your Life as Art; The Path of Least Resistance
- All the beautiful Batsford Textile Books, especially Shelley Rhodes book, *Sketchbook Explorations*
- Steal Like an Artist - Austin Kleon (He has other great books as well)

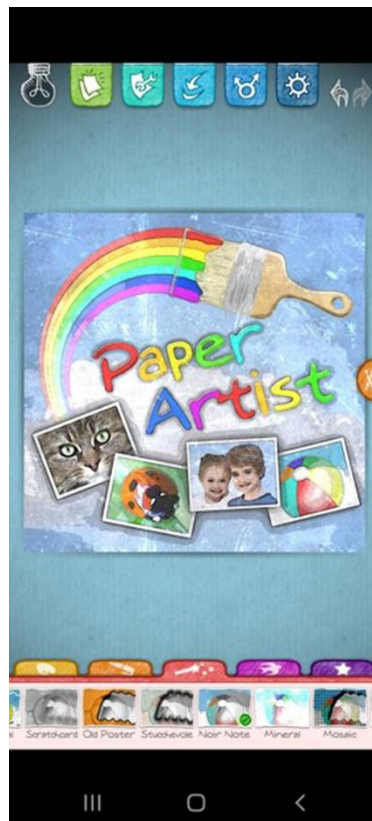
Magazines:

- Felt Magazine (Australia), IFA Felt Matters Journal, Filtz Fun (Germany)

Imagination needs moodling, long, inefficient, happy, idling, dawdling, and puttering. Brenda Ueland

Technology can be your friend (really, it can!)

- Use Zoom meetups to work with people
- Embrace your camera
- Take photos regularly and learn to take better photos
- Listen to Ted Talks, Podcasts, watch YouTube videos.
- Do a class in Photoshop
- Using a photo app on your phone is a great way to develop unique designs for a piece of felt. Download a couple of photo apps and learn to use them (e.g. Paper Artist). Many other apps can be found in the app store on your phone.



Use technology to learn skills rather than copy work.



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**My online class 50 Shades of Grey Felt
will be available late 2022**

I would love you to join me on this fabulous journey to

Connect, Experiment, Invent, and Create together

Thanks for joining me!
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