

A Seasonal Gift

Small handmade moments in tune with the season

Autumn



A Seasonal Pause

This seasonal gift is a small present from me to you.

I'm Ilona (writer, designer and teacher) and I live and work in tune with the rhythm of the seasons.

Everything I create comes from the same desire: not to let the year slip by unnoticed, but to truly experience it. And to reconnect, again and again, with your own natural rhythm.

With <u>Jaarrond</u> I invite you to experience the year more consciously, step by step.

And in my studio <u>FeltFolk</u> I design felt patterns, so that the turning of the year can also be seen and felt in your home.

Enjoy this seasonal gift and I hope it invites you to let go of something you no longer need.



A Seasonal Pause Turning Inward

As the light softens and the air grows cooler, the season begins to shift. Autumn arrives not with a shout, but with a whisper:

a slow turning inward.

This is the time of golden light and soft letting go.

Let this season be a time to notice.

To take a breath before rushing forward.

To hold something gently in your hands, or in your heart.

Moment of Reflection

What wants to stay and what can I quietly let go?

Seasonal Invitation

Create a small seasonal corner that reflects the rhythm of autumn. This could be a scene with soft textures, a garland of dried leaves or a handmade figure that holds the warmth of the season.

Let your hands reflect what your heart already knows:

autumn is a time of quiet beauty and gentle release.



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Magical mushrooms





Deep in the forest, where twilight lingers a little longer, these magical mushrooms quietly glow. Their felted caps shimmer with sequins, catching the light like morning dew. Look closely and you'll discover tiny forest creatures hiding between the stems: a beaded centipede, a hanging spider and a tiny moth stitched with care.

Needed materials:

Chocolate brown felt 28*16 cm

Grey brown felt 20*13 cm

Beige felt 6*8 cm

Blue felt 10*5 cm

Red purple felt 10*3 cm

Dark purple 14*10 cm

Lilac felt 20*5 cm

2 long chenille wires

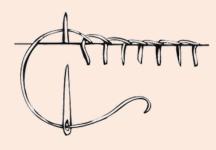
Blue purple beads small 6 pcs

Blue purple sequins 19 pcs

Filling wool

Matching yarn

Sturdy cardboard



Read the description carefully before you start. Also cut three strips of beige felt of 8, 7 and 6.5 cm long and 1 cm wide. You will use these for the blue mushrooms. For most stitching you'll need to use a blanket stitch. Have fun crafting!

Never worked with felt? Start with just one and see how much fun it is to make them!



Mushrooms no. 1

These are the large, lilac mushrooms, called 1a and 1b. For both mushrooms, sew the three parts for the stem together. Stuff them firmly with some wool. Push with, for example, the back of a pencil. The top and bottom remain open. Embroider lines on the grey brown circles 'mushroom 1' with purple yarn. This will be the bottom of the cap. Then attach this grey brown circle along the top of the stem with small stitches.

Embroider four of the eight lilac parts for the cap together. The point comes together in the middle. Attach some sequins to this cap for decoration. Embroider the cap onto the grey brown circle and fill with some wool. Attach 6 beads to the bottom of the stem and embroider legs. This way, the beads become a centipede. Make mushroom 1b in the same way as 1a. Only the stem is slightly different in shape. Instead of the centipede, attach the spider to this mushroom. To do this, embroider a cross on one of the red-purple spider bodies with white yarn. Then place 4 strands of white yarn between the two parts of felt for the spider and sew all around. Cut the white threads to size, so that they look like legs. Attach a white thread to the back of the body and use this to attach the spider to the cap.

Attach the mushrooms via the stem to one of the large, dark brown felt circles. Use a blanket stitch for this. Any leftover threads or knots fall at the bottom of the circle, so that you will not see them later.

Mushrooms no. 2

You will make these mushrooms 3 times in total. Start by cutting three pieces of chenille wire. One of 8, one of 7 and one of 6.5 cm long. Fold the beige felt around the wires and sew the long sides together, so that you cover the chenille wire with felt. Attach a beige circle to the top of each stem.

Make the cap of the mushroom by sewing three blue parts together using a blanket stitch. Attach the bottom of this cap to the beige circle. Fill with some stuffing wool. Attach the butterfly to one of the mushrooms. Fold it in half and attach it to the cap with small stitches. Place the three stems against each other at the bottom and secure together with some small stitches of matching yarn. Bend them into a nice shape. Attach the whole thing to the brown base. Do this firmly, so that the mushrooms will remain standing when you assemble the base.

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Mushroom no. 3

Secure the two parts for the stem on top of each other and fill with some stuffing wool. Place the dark purple circle with hole over it and secure it just like you did with mushroom 1. Secure the small circles on the dark purple oval, like dots on the mushroom. You can see that the oval (top) is slightly larger than the dark purple circle (bottom). When securing, put your needle a little further each time when using a blanket stitch and pull the thread, so that the mushroom cap starts to wave a little bit. So it doesn't matter if they don't fit exactly, that's what gives it a natural look. Fill the cap lightly. Secure the mushroom on the brown base as you did before.

Scene

Cut a slightly smaller circle from sturdy cardboard and place it between the two dark brown circles. Then sew around the dark brown circles using a blanket stitch. Always pull the thread tight. This way the mushrooms can remain stable onto the felt base. The base doesn't need to be filled.

Your magical mushrooms are ready!

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seasons?

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