

**FELT**, a kind of stuff, either of wool alone, or of wool and hair; neither spun, crossed, nor woven, but deriving all its consistence from its being wrought, and full'd with lees and size, and afterwards fashioned on a block or mould, by help of fire and water.

Castors, camels, and coney's hair, lambs, and sheeps wool, &c. are the most usual ingredients of felts; and hats of all kinds are the works they are chiefly employed in.

The felt intended for a hat, being sufficiently full'd, and prepared, is reduced into one piece, somewhat in the figure of a large funnel; in which state it remains ready to be put into form, and becomes a hat. See **HAT**.