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Will it Felt?

To test a fibre to see if it will felt before beginning all that hard work, do the following.

Ingredients:

1. White King Bleach - NO LEMON, use plain White King
2. Small glass jar with lid
3. 10" lengths of the fibre to be tested.

Method:

1. Half fill the small jar with White King Bleach
2. Cut 10" lengths of fibre and fold in half in a bundle
3. Put the folded end of the bundle into the bleach and screw on the lid, leave the tails hanging out
4. Note it may start to bubble and colour, this is normal, don't worry.
5. Leave for 30 minutes.
6. Remove the threads and lay out on paper towel

Results:

1. Some threads will dissolve and break in half, these are FELT'ABLE
2. Some threads will remain intact, in the main these will NOT FELT.
3. Some threads will be middling, these will felt but will be difficult to felt.

Well done, enjoy felting your fibres.