



How do you make wool cloth?

1. Get it off the sheep!

Shearing a sheep is like giving it a haircut. Sometimes they don't like it, but it shouldn't hurt them!



2. Scouring

Washing the wool to remove dirt and lanolin, which is the natural oil in sheep wool.



3. Picking.

Plucking out unwanted bugs, dirt, sticks, plants, rocks, and possibly poop – really anything stuck to the raw wool.



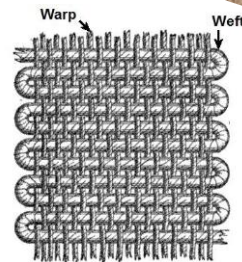
4. Carding.

Combing out the fibers and lining them up in one direction.



5. Spinning.

Stretching and twisting the clean, combed wool into yarn or thread.



6. Weaving

Creating solid cloth by interlocking the yarn at right angles – over and under.



8. Napping and Shearing

Getting rid of the fibers that stick up on a piece of cloth to make it nice and smooth. Napping raises fibers, shearing slices them off.



7. Fulling

Beating and felting wool cloth to make it softer and more tightly woven.