

# From Sheep to Sweater

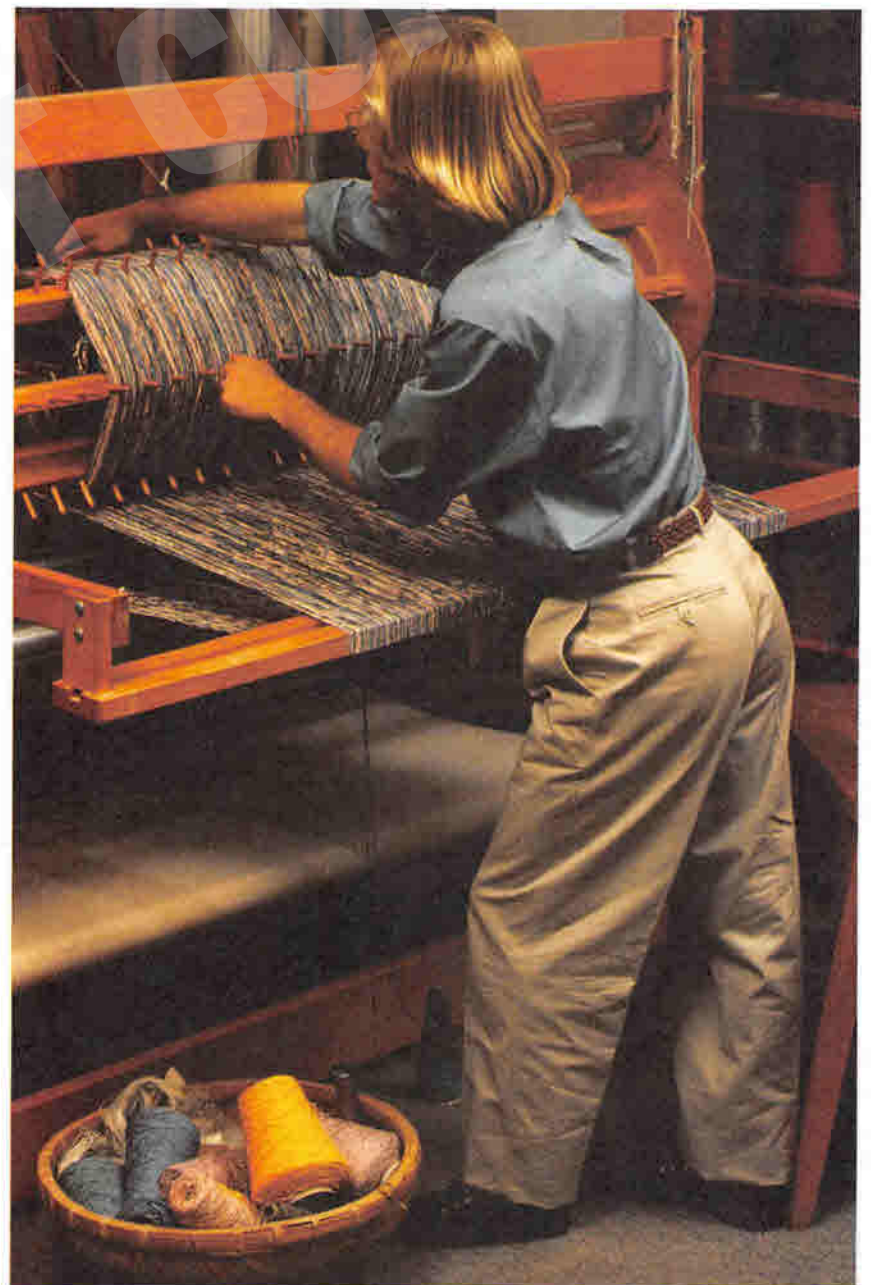
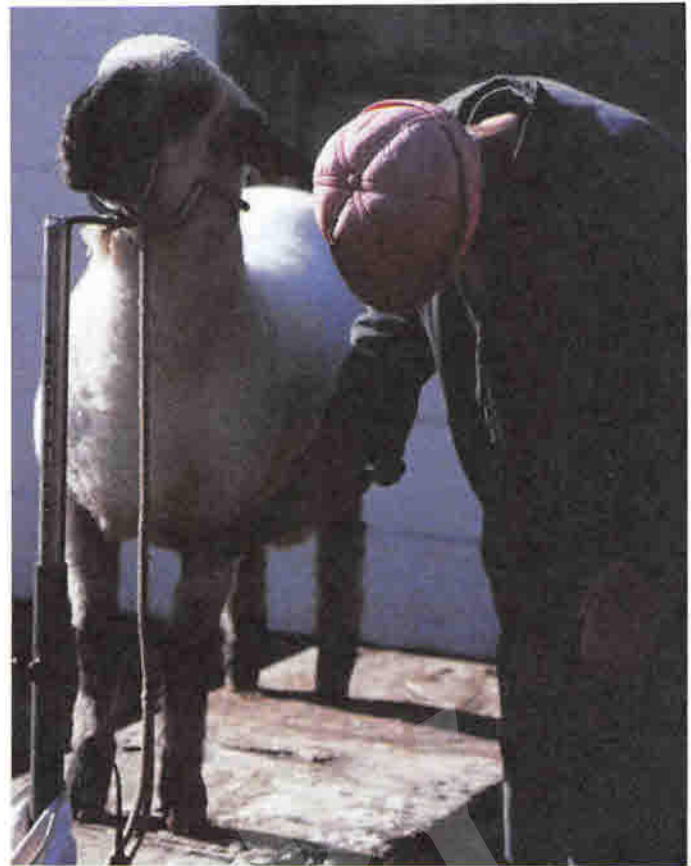
*What do you know about wool?*

1 Have you ever wondered how the wool gets from the sheep to your sweater? Let's find out.

2 First, the sheep gets a haircut. This is called **shearing** the sheep. The wool from each sheep comes off in nearly one big piece, called a **fleece**.

3 The fleece is then washed. Washing removes straw and dirt. Washing also gets rid of a special oil that helps keep the sheep dry. When it is dry, the clean fleece is combed, or **carded**. Carding makes the wool soft and fluffy.

4 Next, the carded wool is made into yarn. This is done by **spinning**, which twists the wool into a long, thin strand. Finally, someone can use the yarn to knit your sweater.



You will find the words below in **bold** print in the article. Find the words and read carefully. Then, write the meaning of each word.

**1.** shearing \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** fleece \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** carded \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** spinning \_\_\_\_\_

Write these steps in the correct order.

- Dry the fleece.
- Spin wool into yarn.
- Card the fleece.
- Shear the sheep.
- Wash the fleece.

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**10.** The author wrote this article to

\_\_\_\_\_ give information. \_\_\_\_\_ make you laugh.

**11.** Choose the photo you like best. Tell what is happening in the photo.

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**12.** Why does sheep's wool have oil on it?

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