Step 2: Skirt your wool

Skirting is the process of removing dirty wool from a fleece. A fleece is all the wool taken from one sheep. This dirty wool is usually found around the head, tail end, and belly of the sheep. It's the wool that gets bits of hay, poop, and dirt stuck in it from the sheep living its best sheep life: eating, pooping, sitting and sleeping on the ground.

Belly side

Head End

Fun fact:

The dirty wool taken from the skirting process can be used as compost, and tomatoes especially love it.

Activity:

Cut out the fleece being sure to cut off the areas on it that you think should be removed or look more dirty. What places do you think should be removed from a dirty fleece?