

Step 3: Wash your wool

Washing your wool finishes the cleaning process you started with skirting. Washing removes any dirt and sweat left in the wool as well as lanolin. Lanolin is a wax that the sheep produces to waterproof it's wool as well as keep its skin healthy.

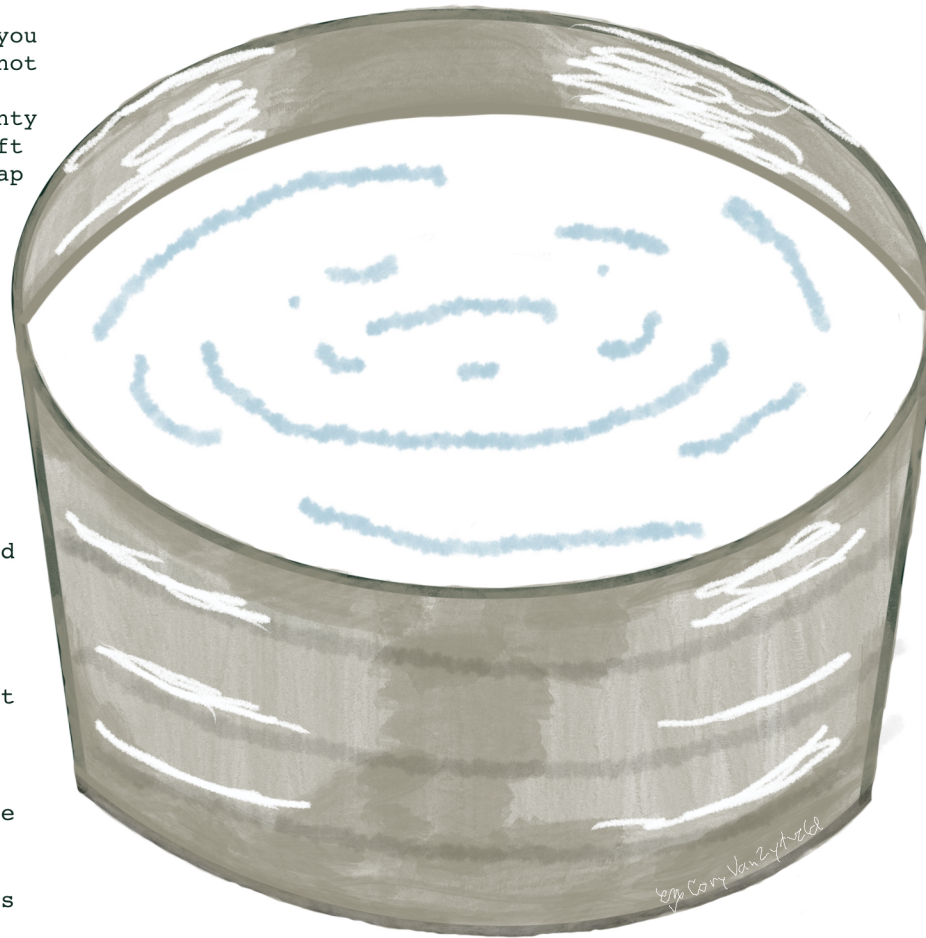
when you think of washing something, you may think of scrubbing it. Wool does not like to be scrubbed. Instead when washing wool it should be left in plenty of soapy hot water. It then can be left for a while to allow the water and soap do it's work.

Activity:

1. Cut out your tea kettle and pretend to pour boiling water into the wash tub.
2. Add some soap.
3. Take your fleece that you cut out on the last page and pretend to put it in the wash tub. You may have to crumple it up a little for it to fit.
4. Now let it sit for a while.
5. Dump out the water, and then do the whole thing over again without the soap. This rinses the soap out. You may have to do this step several times until there is no more soap in you water.
6. Take out your wool, lay it flat, and let it dry. Now doesn't that look cleaner?

Soap

Tea pot of hot water



Fun fact:

Lanolin is used in some skin products as a moisturizer and lotion. It works well as it is similar to the substances our bodies produce keep our skin moisturized and soft.

Fun fact 2:

Removing the lanolin can reduce the weight of a fleece by up to 15%