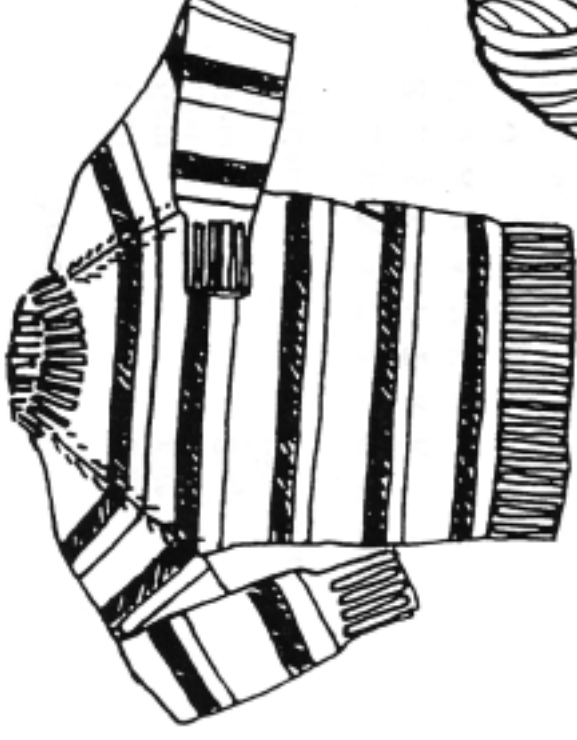


Talk Like a Shepherd

- Ewe** - a female or mother sheep
- Fleece** - the wool coat worn by sheep
- Flock** - a group of sheep
- Gestation** - the period of time a ewe is pregnant (carries her lamb or lambs). A ewe's gestation period is about five months long
- Lamb** - a young sheep less than one year old
- Lambing** -- the process of giving birth to a young sheep
- Lanolin** - grease that is on the fleece of sheep. Lanolin is used in make-up and lotions and also to "waterproof" shoes
- Mutton** - the meat of a sheep that is over one year of age
- Ram** - a male or father sheep
- Ruminant** - an animal that has a stomach with four different sections. Sheep can eat hay, grass and other feeds that other animals and people cannot. Sheep are ruminants.
- Shearing** - cutting off the fleece of the sheep. This is done once or twice a year.
- Wean** - training a lamb to stop drinking milk and to eat solid foods, such as grass, hay and grain
- Wool** - the "hair" of sheep that is cut off and made into cloth for clothes. Wool is very wavy and is made up of many tiny scales.

The "Little Extras" We Get From Sheep

- Lanolin (grease used for make-up and hand cream)
- Fats (used in soap)
- Stearin (used in chewing gum and candy)
- Hair for seat covers
- Hair for artist's brushes
- Bone for bone china
- Medicines
- Glue
- Felt
- Fertilizer
- Leather
- Sheepskin (for rugs and coats)
- Catgut (tough string used in tennis rackets)
- Waxes (for candles)



Sweater
made of wool



Finished ball of yarn
Spun from wool



Lotions
made with
lanolin