



ALL ABOUT SHEEP

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Grades K-2

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum currently has two breeds of sheep, Navajo-Churro (picture to the left) and Debouillet (below). In this lesson children will learn basic vocabulary and sheep facts.

Vocabulary:

Ewe	Ram
Fleece	Shear
Flock	Shepherd
Hoof	Wool
Lamb	

Materials needed for activity:
scissors, cotton balls, crayons
and glue





Sheep Facts:

- Sheep have wool. Blankets, socks, sweaters, and hats can be made from wool and help keep us warm.
- Lambs (baby sheep) are born in the spring. Usually the sheep are sheared before the ewes (female sheep) have their babies and before it gets too hot.
- Sheep eat seeds, grass, and weeds.
- Sheep must be protected from predators. These predators include coyote, mountain lion, bobcat, and fox. Guard dogs are often used to help protect the sheep from these animals.
Shepherds take care of their flock of sheep.
- Some sheep are raised for meat, other types of sheep are raised for their wool.
- White is the most valuable color of wool because it can be dyed (change the color of wool).



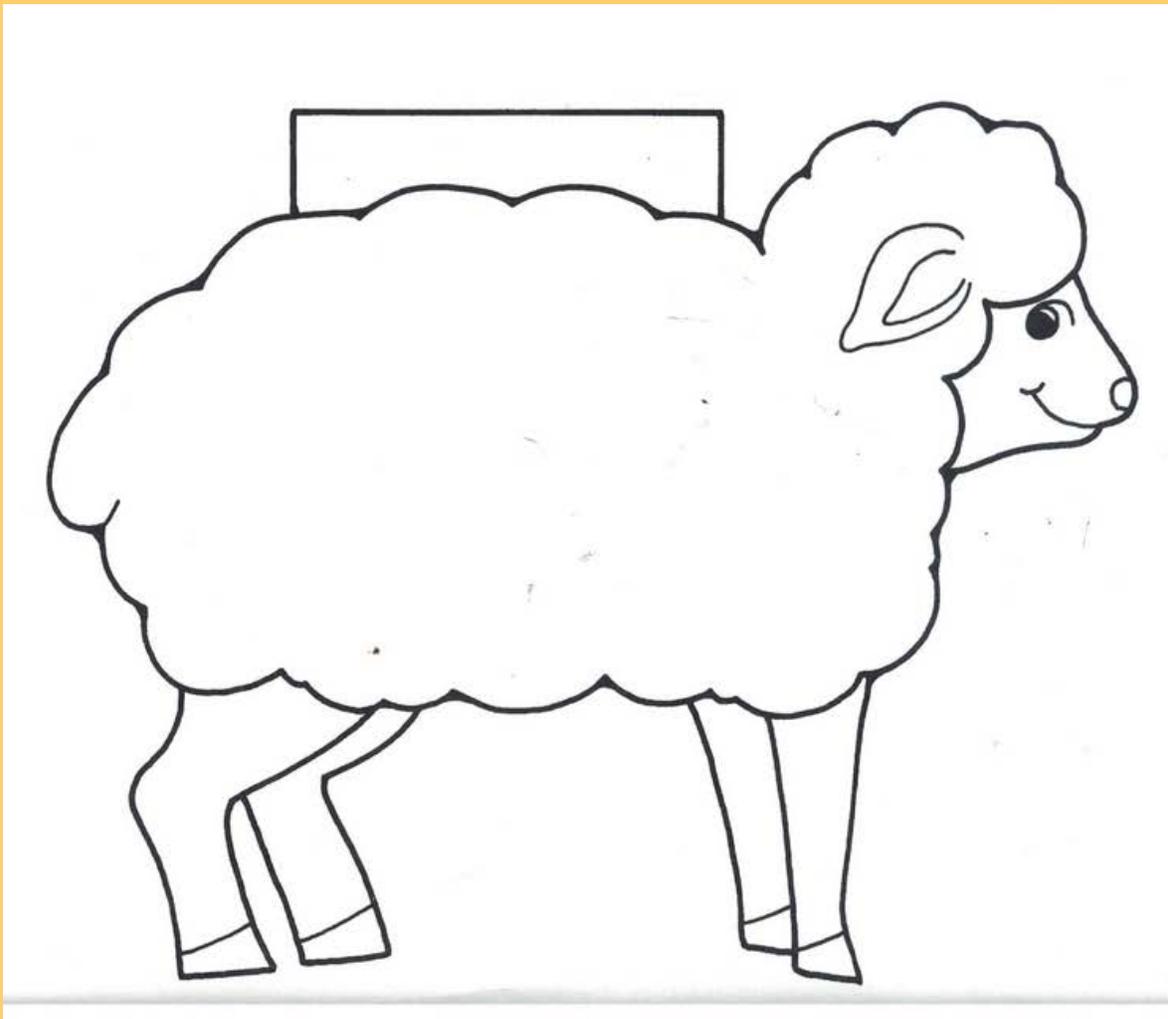


Match the definition to the correct word.

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| 1. _____ a female sheep | a. wool |
| 2. _____ the group sheep live in | b. lamb |
| 3. _____ a baby sheep | c. predator |
| 4. _____ a male sheep | d. shearing |
| 5. _____ animal that kills sheep | e. shepherd |
| 6. _____ removing the wool | f. ewe |
| 7. _____ fiber from the sheep | g. ram |
| 8. _____ person who takes care of the sheep | h. flock |

(Answers: 1-f, 2-h, 3-b, 4-g, 5-c, 6-d, 7-a, 8-e)





1. Print out two sheep
2. Color the sheep on both pages
3. Cut out one of the sheep patterns
4. Glue the cut out sheep pattern onto the second sheep (so sheep is able to be flipped up)
5. Glue cotton balls on the sheep on top (this is your before picture)
6. Lift the top sheep up and notice what happened to the sheep after its haircut (called shearing)

