



## Sheep

Modern sheep are most likely the descendants of the wild mouflon of Europe and Asia. Even though most sheep have white wool, they do come in an assortment of colors. Their wool texture also varies among the breeds – some have short crimped wool, while others have longer flowing locks. Some varieties have horns. Depending on the breed, sheep can weigh anywhere from 100 to 350 pounds. Younger sheep have twenty teeth while mature sheep have thirty-two. They eat hay and grasses, and will happily graze in a pasture from dawn until dusk. Sheep generally live between ten and twelve years, but some can live to be as old as twenty.

Sheep were one of the earliest animals to be domesticated for agricultural purposes between 1100 and 9000 B.C. They provide the farmer and his family with milk, fleece and meat. Harvested through shearing, a sheep's wool is the most widely used animal-made fiber. There are over two-hundred different breeds of sheep, each created for a specific purpose. Although all sheep produce milk, fleece and meat, some breeds excel at one thing over another. Sheep husbandry is the practice of raising and caring for sheep. It is practiced throughout the majority of the world. Today, Australia, New Zealand, South America and the British Isles lead in sheep production.





## Cotton Ball Sheep Craft



### Supplies

- 1 Paper plate
- 1 sheet of black paper
- Cotton balls
- Templates on page 3 of this document
- Scissors
- Glue
- White crayon or pencil

### Instructions

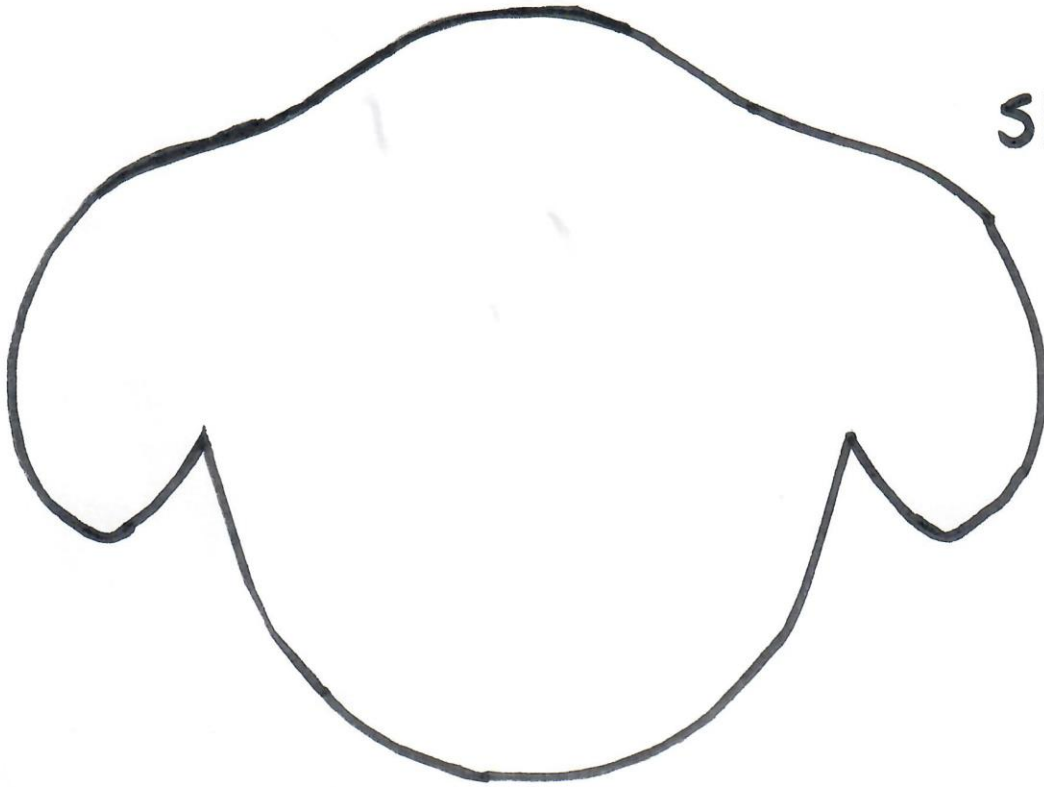
1. Print out the templates on page 3 of this document. Cut out the template pieces. Set the eyes aside.
2. Trace the head and leg/foot templates onto the black sheet of paper using a white crayon or pencil. Cut them out.
3. Glue cotton balls onto the front of your paper plate until it is fully covered.
4. Glue the eyes onto the face piece of paper. Glue the face piece of paper in the center of your cotton ball-covered paper plate.
5. Glue the leg/foot pieces to the bottom of your cotton ball-covered paper plate using the picture above as a guide.
6. Allow your sheep to dry completely. Use your sheep as decoration in your home.



# Cotton Ball Sheep Craft Templates



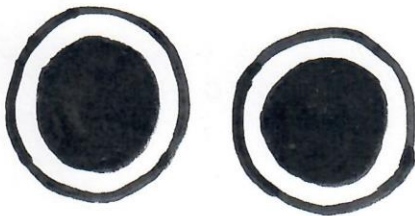
Use the templates below for the cotton ball sheep craft.



Sheep Head -  
cut 1  
in  
Black



Sheep Legs/Feet -  
cut 2  
in Black



Sheep  
Eyes