



How to Use Raw Fiber Cleaning to Spinning

Beginners tips for cleaning and preparing raw wool for spinning

How to wash Raw Wool

- What You Need:
- Warm water, Laundry sink, large tub
- Dish soap/Shampoo/Fiber Wash (Dawn is great)
- Rubber gloves (dishwashing gloves) reserved for fleece washing only.
- Towels and a sunny / indoor place to dry flat

- Using warm water and as little agitation as possible rinse your wool with warm water and your chosen soap. Rinse and wash till the water runs clean and then gently press out the extra water.
- Gently transfer the wool to towels or drying area to sit with out agitation until completely dry.
- [Video reference](#)

Carding 101

- Cover one carder with a thin layer of wool. The wool should be touching the side of the carder with the pin board. You will want to cover it the surface of the carder until almost all the teeth are covered, but not so there is an excess of wool hanging off the side of the carder. Do not cover other carder with wool.
- Brush the empty carder over the top of the other carder. Begin at the top end of the full carder (opposite the handle). Work your way gently from the top to the bottom in full strokes moving in one direction. There is no need to press very hard. The pin paper should grab a few fibers at a time, straightening it onto the second carder.
- Repeat the process until all of the wool is transferred onto the right carder. If you see any knots, continue brushing until they are removed and transferred onto the surface of the other carder. This could take up to five minutes to complete, depending on how fast or slow you prefer to go.

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- Lift the refined carded wool from the carder. Start at the top of the carder and slowly move to the handle, lifting the wool the whole way. You can use the other carder to help lift the top of the fibers up and back. As you lift, you can gently and loosely roll the wool until it resembles a burrito. Once the fiber is rolled, it is referred to as a rolag.
- [Video Reference for Carding](#)
- [Video Reference for Spinning from your Carded fiber](#)