

How to make a woolly sheep

You will need: saucer or small tea plate, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), pencil, scissors, paint, paintbrush, fine nib permanent marker or felt tip pen (black), approximately 25 to 35 cotton wool balls, glue stick.

Instructions:

1. On the thin card, draw around a saucer or small tea plate. Cut out.
2. On another piece of thin card, draw two rectangles (legs), two small circles (eyes) and the face of the sheep. Cut out.
3. Paint the legs and face of the sheep. Leave to dry.
4. Put a generous amount of glue on the large circle of card and stick on the cotton wool balls. Start by putting the cotton wool balls around the outside and then start to fill in the middle. Leave to dry.
5. With the permanent marker or felt tip pen, add a pupil to each eye.
6. Glue the eyes onto the sheep's face and then glue the face onto the middle of the circle of cotton wool balls. Attach the legs with glue too.
7. Your sheep is now ready to meander in a meadow.

Fun facts: in the museum's permanent exhibition, there is a fleece from a sheep as well as a shepherd's smock and a crook. A smock, worn by farm labourers in the past, is a loose cotton or linen garment (which allowed for free and easy movement), often with a type of stitching called smocking, so giving the garment its name. It was not unusual for a shepherd to have an everyday smock for working and a 'Sunday Best' one for church and special occasions.

