Fun facts about sheep



 Sheep are animals and live in a field.

• Their fleece has to be cut because it grows. This is made into wool.

• Sheep have to be looked after by a shepherd and counted regularly.

- This painting by William Henry Gore (from 1914) shows a shepherd and a small group of sheep; a group of sheep is called a flock.
- The sheep sometimes wear a bell so the shepherd can find them if they get lost.
- There are many different types of sheep—some have white faces while others have black or brown faces. They have different fleeces too so make different types of wool.



Now make a sheep with fleece that grows cress!

You will need: a paper plate; pencil; crayons; wool balls; spray bottle with water; scissors; small amount of cress seeds.

Instructions:

1. With a pencil, draw a sheep on a paper plate. Colour in the sheep and add grass, a sky and the sun.

2. Unroll one or two wool balls and cut the strips to fit the fleece of your sheep. Arrange them on the fleece.

3. Spray the cotton wool fleece with water until damp (and it 'sticks' to the paper plate).

- 4. Scatter over the cress seed evenly.
- 5. Wait and watch the cress grow!



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