HANDOUT FOR BRAIDING WITH ROVING

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(lots of photos!)

The Fibers: Sheep Breed Types

FINE WOOL MEDIUM LONG WOOL
African/Spanish English European

CARPET WOOL – AsiaticFelting Fibers, <u>OK to BLEND Fibers (llama, Alpaca,</u>

Mohair)

Compressing wool in the presence of moist heat and abrasion

Navaho-Churro, Icelandic, Scottish Blackface, or Shetland, Jacob, Leicester Longwool

Lincoln, Romney

Fleece for Rugs

Important Traits – COLOR, STRENGTH and STAPLE LENGTH, well skirted (no dirt or poop)

Joy of Washing Fleece

NEVER AGITATE – Up and down hand motion Use detergent for dissolving grease RINSE – cold water is fine Spread fibers to dry

Ship to MILL - ask for RUG ROVING THICKNESS

Preparing Roving for Braiding

Chair Pad – 1 pound 2 X 3 oval rug is 4 pounds

Strand Thickness

DRAFTING

Braid Width: Thumb

BRAIDING – Start with three different lengths

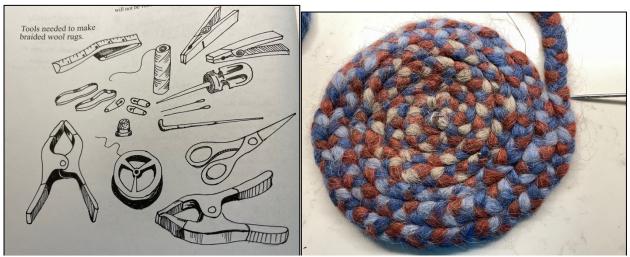
To Join Strands, FEATHER

Taper point to end - DRAFT

FELT by Washing Braid

SEWING Needles, Waxed Linen (Email Letty)

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Supplies

Sewing the washed & felted braid



Changing Color: Stranding



Washed and Felted braid

Taper to point