

## HANDOUT FOR BRAIDING WITH ROVING

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(lots of photos!)

### **The Fibers:**

FINE WOOL

African/Spanish

### **Sheep Breed Types**

MEDIUM LONG WOOL

English

European

CARPET WOOL – AsiaticFelting  
Mohair

Fibers, OK to BLEND Fibers (llama, Alpaca,

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)

