

Year 5 Autumn 2 Art – Textile: Exploring Wool

Key facts

- Wool is a natural textile that comes from sheep
- The sheep wool is sheared and then spun to make yarn
- Historically this would have been done on a spinning wheel, but today it is done with machinery
- As well as clothing, wool is used for blankets, rugs, carpets, insulation and upholstery
- you can knit, weave, crochet or sew with wool
- Natural wool is dyed to make many different colours
- When sewing with wool you need a needle with a larger eye



spinning machine

people weave on a loom



knitting



crochet



wool balls



spinning wheel



Vocabulary

- wool winding
- yarn
- natural forms
- manipulated
- taut
- weave
- spinning wheel
- dye

How to make your own pom pom

- take two circles of strong card, with holes cut in the middle
- the bigger the hole the larger the pom pom
- wind wool, close together around the card until there is no whole
- carefully cut the wool between the card and tightly wrap and tie wool round the middle
- cut the card off

