

Llama and Alpaca Fiber

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Difference from sheep wool

The wool of llamas and alpacas is technically a hair because it is a tubular structure or hollow core

Variety of natural colors

No lanolin or oil

Sheep wool is a solid fiber

Few natural colors

Has lanolin and oil

Shearing

LLamas can be shorn once or twice a year

Fleece normally grows

3-4 inches per year



Uses of fiber

Spun into yarn

Felted for articles of clothing

Needle felted

Blended with other animals fiber

Rope Halters

Mulch

Texture of Fiber

Very warm and soft

Desirable fiber is from around the top and sides of the animal
clothing

Underneath, neck and leg fiber is much more itchy

Rugs, ropes and mulch

Alpaca Fiber

22 colors

When shorn produce 5-10 pounds of fiber



The End