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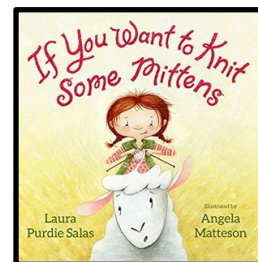
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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

If You Want to Knit Some Mittens

by *Laura Purdie Salas*

How do you knit a pair of mittens? The first step is to get a sheep of course! In this playful story, a girl follows 18 steps to knit mittens--from bringing home a sheep to carding, spinning, and dyeing the wool to knitting the mittens. But along the way, her mischievous sheep creates chaos and wins her heart. By wintertime, the girl has sunny-yellow mittens, the sheep has a sunny-yellow hat, and together they're ready for adventure. This tale of patience, creativity, and friendship is knitted from skeins of humor and love.



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Fun Facts:

- Sheep have been raised in Georgia and throughout the Southeast for centuries.
- Sheep are famous for their thick, fluffy fleece which is a popular source for yarn, clothing and other wool textiles. You can also thank them for a variety of industry contributions, such as milk, cheese, Lanolin, lamb, mutton and leather.
- There are about 7.5 million sheep being raised in the United States, the top breeds of which are British Milkshoop, East Friesian, Lacaune and Sarda.
- One sheep produces anywhere from 2 to 30 pounds of wool annually. The wool from one sheep is called a fleece. The amount of wool that a sheep produces depends upon its breed, genetics, nutrition, and shearing interval. Lambs produce less wool than mature animals. Due to their larger size, rams usually produce more wool than ewes of the same breed or type.

Videos:

- [AgVenture to White Gates Farm in Dooly County](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Hunt Road Katahdin Sheep Farm](#)
- [SciShow Kids: Wonderful Wool!](#)
- [Follow the Sheep Farmers](#)
- Tour Battkenkill Mill: [6 Minute Video](#) [16 Minute Video](#)

Activities:

- [Easy Finger Knitting Using One Finger Tutorial](#)
- [Wool Yarn Wrap Sheep Craft for Kids Using Paper Plates](#)
- Ag in the Classroom Store: [Wool Spinning kit](#) [Wool Samples](#).
 - You can also make you own DIY kit. You'll need [wool roving](#) and [tent stakes](#). Tutorial video [here](#).
 - If you spin your own thread here are some [additional activities](#) you can do.
- Lesson Plans: [A Tale of Two Sheep](#) [Baa, Ram, Ewe... Sheep Tales](#)
- Printables: [Color Page](#) and [Bookmark](#)
- [No Bake Sheep Grahams](#)
- [Mitten Wool Yarn Lacing Activity](#)

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