

Step by Step Fleece to Cloth Activity

- Separate the class into small groups and give out a set of cards to each group. Ask them to put the steps in the correct order.
 - Groups could then act out each step in the weaving process, adding appropriate gestures and sound effects.
 - If used as a plenary activity, pupils could also state who they are (i.e. who carried out the task, for example, women did the spinning, men did the weaving, children did picking, teasing and carding).
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- The correct order is:
 1. Sheep are shorn for their fleece
 2. The fleece is brought to the weaver's cottage
 3. The fleece is picked, teased and carded to untangle it
 4. The carded fleece is spun into yarn
 5. The yarn is woven into cloth
 6. Woven cloth is sent to the fulling mill
 7. The fulling cloth is pegged out to return it to its original shape
 8. The fulling cloth is then mended.
 9. The mended cloth is sent for cropping
 10. The finished cloth is sold



Sheep are shorn for their fleece (B)



The fleece is brought to the weaver's cottage



The fleece is picked, teased and carded to untangle it



Image: Colne Valley Museum



The carded fleece is spun into yarn



The yarn is woven into cloth



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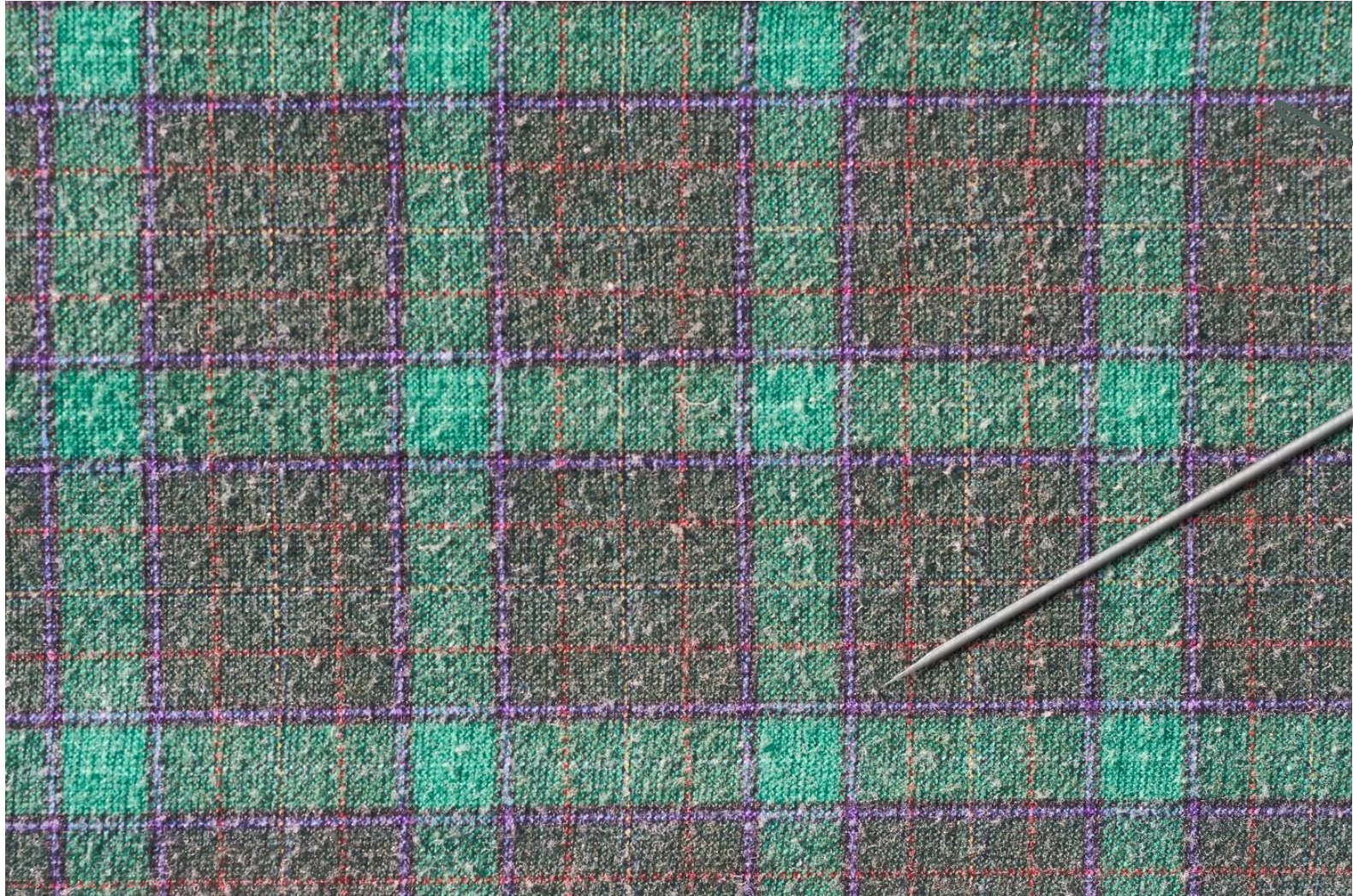
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The cloth is mended



The fulled cloth is sent for cropping



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