Making a Paper Sheep

Materials:
Heavy card stock for copying
Wool fleece, or cotton balls
Scissors
Glue

Directions:
1. Copy the pattern onto heavy card stock.
2. Carefully cut out all pieces.
3. Glue wool fleece, or cotton balls to the body.
4. Fold along the dotted lines.
5. Glue the head as indicated.

Optional:
If desired, omit the wool, and simply color with crayons or markers. Continue with steps #4 and #5.
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Glossary

**Bleat:** The sound sheep make.

**Ewe:** A female sheep

**Fleece:** The coat of wool that is removed from a sheep when it is sheared.

**Flock:** A group of sheep.

**Forage:** Plants that animals use for food. Sheep prefer plants often referred to as weeds.

**Herd:** To gather together into a group. A group of over 1,000 sheep is sometimes called a herd.

**Lamb:** A baby sheep.

**Mutton:** Meat from a full-grown, adult sheep.

**Predators:** Animals such as coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, and bobcats that hunt other animals for food.

**Ram:** A male sheep.

**Range:** The countryside over which sheep and other types of grazing animals roam.

**Shearing:** The process of removing the coat of wool from sheep.

**Shepherd or Sheepherder:** A person who tends to and takes cares of flocks of sheep.

**Wool:** The fiber we get from sheep that is used for cloth and many other valuable products.
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Answer Key

TEKS Correlation:
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Study Questions
1. A lamb learns which ewe is its mother by smell and the sound of her bleat.
2. A ewe can tell her lamb from others by the smell of her milk passing through her lamb.
3. Ranchers move sheep from place to place so they will not damage the land.
4. Sheep help fertilize the range, control unwanted vegetation, and help seedlings get established.
5. Predators like sheep because they do not have a way to protect themselves and are easy to catch.
6. Wolves, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, foxes, etc. all prey on sheep.
7. Dogs are useful to both help protect the sheep, and to help gather up the sheep.
8. Sheep are raised mainly for wool and for meat.
9. Shearing is the process of removing the wool from the sheep.
10. We also get leather, milk, lanolin, and dozens of other items from sheep.

Crossword Puzzle

Across:
2. flock
3. ram
5. wool
7. environment
9. sheep
10. ewe

Down:
1. dog
2. fleece
4. meat
5. weeds
6. lamb
8. range