

How to prepare your fiber for processing

Skirting Your Fiber

“Skirting” is a fancy name for getting as much debris out of your fiber as possible.

1. Lay the fiber out on a flat surface or a screen. Go though and remove the outer edges of the fleece that has the most dust, dirt and manure tags. Any coarse fibers that are noticeably different than the blanket can be pulled out at this stage also.
2. Make a quick pass though picking out any large pieces of VM (vegetable matter), dirt clumps, rocks, and any other foreign objects.
3. The last step can be time-consuming, but it can help make your final product stunning! Carefully comb through entirety of the fiber and remove as much vegetation as you can. It is not necessary to keep your fiber in blanket form for mill processing. Feel free to take it apart in handfuls, shake the handfuls out and really get in there and get the vegetation and dirt out. Gently, squeeze each handful to see if there are burrs or stickers hiding in there, and remove them.

PLEASE NOTE: If you find any evidence of moths or lice in your fiber, we cannot accept it for processing!