



Monthly Making



Primitive Hooked Sheep Ornament

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The challenge for this making is to use up as many of the supplies needed to make this sheep ornament that you have on hand. If you don't have a supply that you need for it, barter with a friend or if you have to purchase, say burlap, buy a small amount.

Supplies:

- Burlap
- Light and dark natural colored hand spun yarn
- Embroidery hoop
- Crochet or rug hook
- Pen/Sharpie
- Scissors
- Small piece of fabric or wool felt for backing
- twigs for legs
- ribbon, for hanging
- Fabric glue or hot-glue

Instructions:

- Determine how many sheep you can fit into the work space opening of your embroidery hoop.
- Draw a circle using a glass or jar the size of the sheep you want to create or cut out and paste the patterns on the next page onto cardboard to then trace around on your burlap.
- Add the outline of the face, which you can free-hand.
- Secure the burlap in your hoop.
- With the dark hand spun yarn, hook the face outline, then fill in.
- With the light hand spun yarn, hook the body outline. Next, hook around the outside of the face, then fill in the body.
- Remember, this is a folk-art project, it does not need to be perfect!
- Cut the burlap an inch or so bigger than the hooked outside area.
- Turn the edges of the burlap into the circle on the back, then baste down in place. I used the light hand spun.
- Cut the backing fabric or wool felt the same size as the completed sheep or slightly larger if you plan to hand sew down and turn the raw edges under.
- Glue a looped piece of ribbon or twine for hanging at the top.
- Determine the leg placement and length using the twigs. Glue to the back.
- Glue down the backing or sew into place.
- Turn over and trim any high area loops holding the scissors flat to the piece.

What a great decoration to add to a holiday present, a birthday gift to a fiber friend or to hang on your own Christmas tree.

Cheers,
Sherrill

