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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

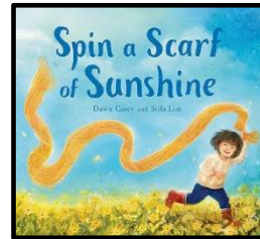
Spin a Scarf of Sunshine

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On a gentle slope in rolling hills stood a little house of wood and stone. There were hens and bees and apple trees, bright flowers and soft green grass. And Nari had a little lamb of her very own.

As the seasons change, Nari and her parents shear her sheep's fleece, and spin and dye the wool. Nari knits the yarn into a cozy yellow scarf.

But as Nari grows older, her beloved scarf becomes tattered. It's time to recycle the wool into compost, with a little help from the worms.



[Click here for read aloud on YouTube](#)

Fun Facts:

- Sheep have been raised in Georgia and throughout the Southeast for centuries. Georgia is now home to just under 10,000 sheep.
- Across all 50 states, there are about 5 million sheep being raised. The Rambouillet, related to the Merino, is the most common breed of sheep in the U.S.
- Sheep are famous for their thick, fluffy fleece which is a popular source for yarn, clothing and other wool textiles.
- Sheep also contribute to various industries by providing milk, cheese, Lanolin, lamb, mutton, and leather.
- 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 how often they are sheared. Lambs produce less wool than mature animals. Rams, due to their larger size, usually produce more wool than ewes of the same breed or type.

Videos:

- [AgVentures to The Fox Fire Museum in Rabun County](#) | [White Gates Farm in Dooly County](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Hunt Road Katahdin Sheep Farm](#) | [East Ga. Sheep Operation Thriving](#) | [First Sheep Dairy and Creamery Comes to Ga.](#)
- [SciShow Kids: Wonderful Wool!](#)
- [Follow the Sheep Farmers](#)
- [How It's Made- Wool](#)

Activities:

- [Learn how to dye wool yarn with dandelions](#)
- [Easy Finger Knitting Using One Finger Tutorial](#)
- [Yarn Weaving on a Carboard Loom](#)
- [Wet Felted Coaster](#)
- [Hands-On With Wool: spinning, dyeing, weaving and felting activity guide](#)
- [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 yarn here are some [additional activities](#) you can do.
- Lesson Plans: [A Tale of Two Sheep](#) | [Baa, Ram, Ewe... Sheep Tales](#) | [From Wool to Wheel](#)
- Printables: [Color Page](#) | [Bookmark](#) | [Poster: Everything but the Baa](#)
- Recipes: [Greek Feta Dip](#)- feta is traditionally made from sheep's milk | [No Bake Sheep Grahams](#)
- [Sheep Ag mag](#)

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