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## Skirting a Fleece

The goal of skirting is to remove parts of the fleece that you do not want to end up in your fiber project. This is typically done by removing three—five inches around the edge of the fleece as shown below. This includes removal of leg, head, belly wool, but is not limited to that, as contamination from vegetable matter, excessively muddy areas, and any other foreign matter in the fleece will need to be removed as well. The sooner this is done after shearing the better...the lanolin is still fluid. Using a "shirting" table allows for vegetable matter and second cuts to easily fall through.

