



Marshmallow Sheep Cupcakes

Make a sweet snack while learning about sheep farming and how people use wool.



There are more than 100,000 sheep farms in the United States. Sheep are raised for meat, milk, and wool. Sheep raised for wool are sheared once a year in the spring. The entire coat of wool is cut from the sheep in one piece called a fleece. Shearing does not hurt the sheep – think of it like a haircut! The fleece is cleaned and processed into yarn to be used for winter clothing such as sweaters, hats, socks, mittens, and scarves.



To watch a video about sheep farming in Maryland, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y4dtg9ls).
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To watch a video comparing the warmth of cotton and wool, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y6exmxpl).
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To spin your own wool into yarn, check out [this kit](https://tinyurl.com/y3hnpv8d).
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Ingredients

- large white marshmallows
- mini white marshmallows
- tube of black writing icing
- 1 container of frosting
- cupcakes

Directions

1. Spread a layer of frosting over the top of the cupcake.
2. Leave a large glob of icing in the center.
3. Place a large marshmallow in the center of the cupcake for the sheep's face.
4. Have an adult cut another large marshmallow in half horizontally and then in half again. Stick 2 of these pieces on either side of the sheep's face to form the ears.
5. Have an adult cut several mini marshmallows in half.
6. Arrange some halved mini marshmallows on the top of the sheep's head.
7. Place the rest of the cut mini marshmallows around the top of the cupcake.
8. Draw eyes and noses on the sheep's face using the black writing icing.



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