

## **Textiles in Highland Scotland**

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### Terminology

cuibhle-shniomha – spinning wheel  
calanas – wool working  
clòimh – wool  
clò – cloth  
snàth – thread  
cuigeal – distaff  
dealgan/feàrsaid – spindle  
a' bearradh nan caora – shearing the sheep  
deamhais – shearers  
càrdan – wool cards  
crois-iarna – niddy noddy  
spàl – shuttle  
prais-dhath – dye pot  
crotal – lichen  
iteachan – bobbin  
beart-dheilbh – warping frame  
beart-làimhe – loom  
a' fighe – weaving  
figheadair - weaver

### Weaving Tweed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlPhvQzkC9Y>

### Spinning Flax

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joSHJamqDlO>

### Waulking the Tweed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSjToW-m2wo&t=1157s>

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