

Making a measure: rolling

This technique is used to shape and adjust the even lengths of wool, produced from the pull-and-pile technique, to make one measure.



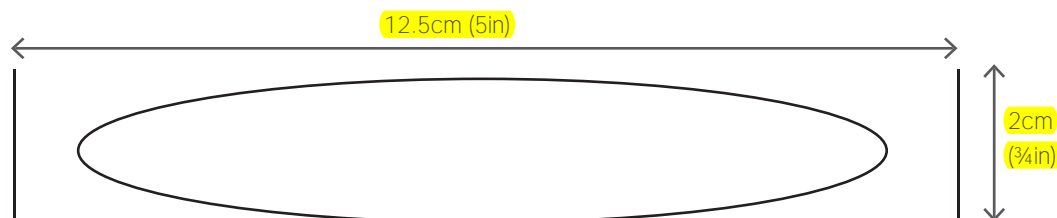
1 Pinch one end of a handful of wool, pulled and piled as shown on page 16. Use your other hand to gently shape it into a rough cylinder. If you find any lumps or bumps, pull them out and repeat the pull-and-pile technique as necessary to smooth out the length of wool.



2 Pinch both ends and roll the handful into a slightly tighter shape, as shown. Repeat the pull-and-pile technique if you need to shorten the length of the measure.



3 Place the cylinder over the measurement template (see below). Ensure that the ends are within the two lines, and that you can just see the lines around the wool as shown. This gives you one master measure.



Wool measurement template

Please refer to page 21 where you can see a photograph of ready-to-use measures made using this template and the techniques on these pages.



GETTING YOUR MEASURE CORRECT

If there is too much wool, you can simply pull out a small amount – either from the end (see left image), or from the side if you want to remove a particular lump – put it to one side, then pull and pile the remainder. If there is not enough, take a small amount of wool and pile it on (see right image), then pull and pile it until the handful forms a smooth, even cylinder.