

# *Handwork for Homeschoolers*

## *session one*

### Story

Pelle's New Suit

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### Activity I          natural fibers lesson

feel silk, silkworm/moth/cocoon, spinning thread on leg, silk cannot be felted, anatomy of wool fiber, angora, cotton, alpaca, camel, et al.

#### Materials:

unspun silk fibers  
uncarded wool from sheep shearing

### Activity II          dye a play silk

#### Materials:

plain white silk - six foot long  
iDye for natural fibers - choice of blue

Materials Fee: \$7

Setup: stove, white vinegar, liquid measuring cup, dedicated dye pot & stirring utensil, rubber gloves, utility sink, clothesline, clothespins

### Activity III          make a wet felted soap

#### Materials:

wool roving in assorted colors  
pure wool yarn in assorted colors  
bar of soap

Materials Fee: \$3

Setup: scissors, large bowl of very hot water, washboard, rinse water, drying area, towels