

Wild Fur Workshop 2026

There will once again be a Fur Workshop the 2026 Saskatchewan Trappers Association convention. It will be from **10-12 on Saturday, March 14**, lead by Sheila Schmutz of Wear Our Heritage (www.wearourheritage.com). The workshop is free for convention attendees, but participants must pay the convention fee for Saturday. Ideally email sheilamschmutz@gmail.com to “register” so that she can prepare the supplies well.

The emphasis this year will be **working from scratch using a wild fur pelt**. Note that using vintage fur from an old coat will not be covered. Sheila will begin by demonstrating how to block a wild pelt. She will also have another pelt already blocked, and discuss how to plan to maximize the full pelt before any cutting. There will be several items made-in-advance to show how to utilize all parts of the pelt.

Participants are welcome to bring a blocked pelt of their own to use, if they like. More members are having some of their fur tanned, and Sheila encourages them to come to learn how to begin the process of fur sewing. Sheila will also provide garment tanned scrap fur for participants to practice. She will demonstrate how to use this scrap for fur-flap pouches, how to make a pair of fur earmuffs from scraps of fur, etc. with hand sewing. Participants can make something in the second hour of the workshop, but supplies will be limited.

