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FLAX



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Pulling:

When flax is harvested, it is pulled, rather than cut, to preserve valuable fiber.



Retting:

The process of dissolving or rotting away cellular tissue and pectins surrounding bast fiber bundles.




Breaking:
Rolling and bending the shive
to separate it from the fiber.



Shive:

Short pieces of woody material from the center of the stalk.

A person wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt is shown from the waist down, working with straw. They are holding a bundle of straw fibers and using a wooden board to separate the long fibers from the short ones. The background shows a white wall and some straw bundles.

**Scutching:
Separating the
straw and short
fibers from
the long fibers.**

Hackling:

The flax is combed until only long, shiny fibers remain.

