

## Flokati Rugs Information

Flokati Rugs have been a Greek tradition for centuries. The rugs originally serviced the shepherds, being used as clothing, beds for tents, keeping them warm during the long winter months. The 5th century Vlachs, who lived in Samarina, the highest Village on the Pindos mountains, were the inventors of the Flokati Rug.



As shepherds, they raised sheep and goats, producing dairy products sold during the winter in the plains of Trikala, Thessaly, Macedonia, and as far as Odessa. The women, having access to the wool, would weave Flokati rugs to be sold at bazaars during the winter months. We have continued the tradition of producing fine quality Flokati and other hand-woven rugs.

Flokati rugs portrays sexiness, sensuousness and eternity. We offer a great selection of fine flokati rugs. They are crafted from the finest wool to be elegant, comfortable under foot and long lasting.

All our Flokati rugs are hand-woven in Greece and made out of 100% New Zealand Wool, the finest wool in the world.

Flokati's natural color is off white

## Flokati Rugs Weight Information

Flokati is measured by its weight in grams of wool per square meter, Example 1200g/M2. As the weight of the Flokati increases so does thickness and fluffiness of the pile. Thus a 4000g/M2 weight rug is going to be noticeably plusher and thicker than a 1200g/M2 weight rug

We carry five different weights for our flokati rugs — 1200 grams, 1400 grams, 2000 grams, 3000 grams and 4000 grams.

Here's what they look like close up:

**1200 grams**



**1400**



**2000**



**3000**



4000

## Flokati-rugs.com Flokati Care

A Flokati Rug can be a purchase that will last a lifetime and can be passed down for generations if cared for properly.

### ***Basic Care:***

Once you receive your Flokati Rug it may arrive flattened from packaging. We strongly recommend that you give the rug a good shaking once you receive it. The more you shake your Flokati, the fluffier it will become!

Because of our many years of experience in manufacturing Flokati Rugs, we have discovered that simple garden rake (preferably wood or plastic) will do wonders for your Flokati Rug. Gently raking over the wool, from the bottom up, will fluff the Flokati beautifully. You will find that some of the wool will get caught in the rake. This is absolutely normal, and is not harmful to your Flokati Rug.

### ***Washing:***

The cleaning process for your Flokati Rug is amazingly simple. The Flokati should be shaken outdoors periodically to remove dust. You may wash the rug with the mildest of wool soaps. A cleanser that we carry in stock, and recommend is called [Eucalan® WOOL WASH](#). If you would like to purchase this cleanser, please contact our factory. You must avoid washing your Flokati Rug in High water temperatures, chlorine bleach as well as dry cleaning. Not avoiding the above will destroy the protective fiber content of the wool.

For small sized rugs you may put them in your washing machine and wash on the Gentle Cycle. Air dry while avoiding direct sunlight, for the sun's rays will distort the color of your Flokati Rug.

There are many Rug Companies that will pick up, clean and deliver your Flokati back to you. Washing your Flokati Rug properly will not damage your rug, but will merely enhance its unique and inviting quality, appearance and touch.

### ***Vacuuming:***

When vacuuming the Flokati, do not run the vacuum over the Flokati because the strands will get caught in the rotating brush. Use the suction head of the vacuum (one without a rotating brush).

There are many quality Rug cleaners in your area that will pick up clean and deliver your Flokati rug back to you, however if you are unable to find service, you may send us your Flokati Rug to our factory. Charges for cleaning are \$3.00/square foot plus shipping. For more information you may contact us by [E-Mail](#) or by [Phone](#)

Sheepskinfactory.com accepts no responsibility for damage done by anyone following the instructions set forth in this web page.

## About Us

Quality craftsmanship. Honest business practices. The finest product. These were things Louis Livaditis, owner of the Sheepskin Factory on Colorado Boulevard, learned from his father. Like his father before him, Louis Livaditis, hopes to pass on the business to his children.

Growing up in a small village in Greece, Livaditis proudly learned the family business from the ground up. At 10 years old he accompanied his father to the farms to bargain for sheepskins and watched as family members handcrafted goods from the wooly hides from intricate rug designs to cuddly critters to custom-made car seat covers, Flokati rugs and garments, the Sheepskin Factory has an array of holiday gifts.

While the benefits of sheepskin have long been heralded in Europe, Livaditis said sheepskin products were something fairly uncommon in the states — a situation Livaditis works hard to change.

His shop on Colorado Boulevard is self-contained. Everything is made by hand; a handful of sewing machines and people create all the Sheepskin Factory products.

From his famous brown slippers to the most popular custom car seat covers made for any car to warm and wooly coats, the Sheepskin Factory has something for everyone.

This friendly businessman still scouts local farms and makes trips to New Zealand, Australia and Greece to find the best available skins and Flokati.

He explained that Europeans have long respected the nature of sheepskin. “When people get married here, they get a toaster,” Livaditis said. “In Europe the first thing you get is wool. It’s a miracle product,” he reiterated.

Livaditis has all of his family helping with the business between their college classes and other responsibilities. “I like them to come in here and see where the money comes from, how hard we work,” he said.

Even though it's a different age where apprenticeships are largely unheard of, he hopes one of his children will continue the tradition. "Maybe they can get the 'thing' I had as a child, take over the business and make an honest living."

The Sheepskin Factory, at 510 S. Colorado Blvd., is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Customers can also place orders by calling 303-329-8400 or 1-800-32-SHEEP, or place an online order 24 hours a day by visiting [www.sheepskinfactory.com](http://www.sheepskinfactory.com).

Please call with any further question and a live person will be more than happy to assist you.

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