

Nissaggiya Pācittiya #12: Making a Spread Entirely From Black Wool³⁴¹

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Vesāli, in the Great Grove, at the peaked-roof hall. Furthermore, on this occasion, [some] group-of-six monks caused a spread to be made entirely of black wool. People who were visiting the monastery, after seeing this, denounced, criticized, and castigated: “How is it that Sakyan-son contemplatives will cause a spread to be made entirely of black wool – just like sensualistic laypeople!” Monks heard of those people – denouncing, criticizing, and castigating. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: “How is it that group-of-six monks will cause a spread to be made entirely of black wool?” Then those monks, after reprimanding the group-of-six monks in many ways, reported this matter to the Blessed One... “Is it true, monks, that you caused a spread to be made entirely of black wool?” “It is true, Blessed One.” The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... “How is it, foolish men, that you will cause a spread to be made entirely of black wool? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

“If any monk causes a spread to be made entirely of black wool: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.”

Any monk: ...

Black: Two [kinds of] black – naturally black or dyed black.

Spread: It is made after spreading; it is not woven.

Causes to be made: One makes or causes to make: a Dukkaṭa for the undertaking. When it is obtained, it [requires] relinquishment. It is to be relinquished to a Saṅgha, a group, or an individual. And, monks, it is to be relinquished in this way... “Bhante, this spread which I caused to be made entirely of black wool [requires] relinquishment. I relinquish it to the Saṅgha...”

Unfinished by oneself, completed by oneself: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

Unfinished by oneself, completed by another: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

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One makes it or causes it to be made for the sake of another: a Dukkaṭa offense.

After obtaining [an item] made by another, one uses it: a Dukkaṭa offense.

³⁴¹ *Eḷaka-loma*. Lit. “sheep-hair.”

Non-offense[s]: One makes a canopy, ground-sheet, screen, mattress, or pillow; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.