



EWETOPIA

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Custom Processing Fact Sheet and Price List 2022-2023

We are excited to work with you and your fiber! We can process large or small lots, and our commitment to you will be that we will provide you with excellent yarns, rovings and above all, excellent service. Our goal is to work with small-scale fiber producers to create personally rewarding products for themselves and their customers.

We pledge to use only non-petroleum biodegrading soaps, heavy metal free dyes with non-toxic mordents, no chemicals for moth or shrink proofing, or for removing vegetable matter. We plan to invest in our community's renewable energy initiatives, and research ways to use rainwater and solar to partially run the mill equipment!

Our goal is to provide a need for local farms to diversify and start raising sheep; we are committed to sourcing local fleece for our very successful hand dyed yarn lines. We will be looking for fine wool from sheep such as Merino, Cormo, Rambouillet and Targhee, but other crosses and breeds can be just as wonderfully soft! We are happy to talk wool or fiber flock management with you, please contact Kathryn to set up an appointment.

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Fleece Requirements for Processing

- Clean and free of excessive vegetable matter, burrs, manure and sweat tags, and “washable” marking paint (*it is not truly washable and can potentially gum up the equipment!*)
- Well-shorn will with few second cuts, short belly wool discarded, and the spine area where the wool can be weak (*test for strength, if it breaks when you snap a lock between your fingers, it will fall apart in the carding process!*)
- For spinning the staple length should be between 3½ - 6 inches – for carding it can be 1½ - 10 inches
- Fiber should be stored dry with very damp manure tags removed.
- Free of moths & moth damage – NO MOTHBALLS! If we find moths, dead or alive we will contact you and quarantine and discard the fleece.

Please send us a sample of fleece if you want an analysis on how to best process it.

Processing Information

Skirting - \$25/hour – Please send your fleeces already skirted, this entails removing vegetable matter, manure/sweat tags, and weak areas of the fiber, and second cuts. If your fleece needs further skirting we will do that without contacting you. Please contact us for more information on skirting classes that we plan to hold on a regular basis.

Washing - \$8-10/lb. based on incoming raw weight, if your fiber is very dirty and needs more soap baths beyond the 2 included, we will need to charge \$2/lb more per wash bath.

We welcome already washed wool, but please understand that we reserve the right to re-wash at your expense any wool we deem to greasy or dirty. Wool has to be free of grease before it can be processed through our machines. Please do not send us felted or cotted fleeces.

You may be interested in a solid or heathered colored roving or yarn? Now is the time to dye the washed fiber before further processing. \$18/lb. – please send us a sample color/s and we will create your something luminous and magical! Dyeing can also happen after spinning.

Carding (includes picking)- \$10/lb for wool, 20/lb for non-wool fibers for roving or batts (24"x36") based on weight of washed fiber

Pin Drafting - \$10/lb. for smoother semi-worsted roving (\$20 for exotic fibers such as angora or silk)

Spinning and Plying – *Prices include picking, carding, pin drafting and are based on finished weight of the yarn*

Please see our prices for yarn and fiber content on our price list. Prices reflect a standard 2 ply, additional plies are an additional \$3/lb per ply.

*Custom Blending – please contact us for specific needs, we have a range of natural and dyed colors of wool and alpaca that can be blended into your fiber. \$15-25/lb. clean weight

Skeining – Your yarn will come back as skeins counted at 250 yds., unless otherwise stated on your order form, we can also make them into 4oz skeins with yardage marked for the batch. Short skeins are marked with a different colored tie.

Re-washing Yarn: We recommend washing your yarn when you receive it back to wash out any spinning oils and dust that may be on it, yarn blooms incredibly after washing! We can re-wash and twist your skeins after spinning for \$2/lb.

Yarn Returns: The average custom process return is 55 lbs. of finished yarn per 100 lbs. of raw fleece. The return percentage is affected by the cleanliness of the wool and its grease content, Merino wool will have more grease weight loss than Border Leicester wool or alpaca!

Payment: On completion of the lot the customer is notified of the total amount due including shipping (shipping is at the customers expense). Full payment is required before lot is shipped or picked up.

- .5% interested/month on invoices over 45 days will be charged
- Storage fee: \$5/month on each 20lbs. held over 45 days
- A deposit is required prior to production.

