

## Custom Processing Fact Sheet & Price List 2024

*Your Own Yarn from Your Own Flock.* As part of our commitment to small scale sheep and fiber producers, The Green Mountain Spinnery provides a custom processing service. We enjoy working with fiber producers to design yarn particular to their unique fleece and fiber considerations. We can card and spin as little as 35 lbs of raw fleece or 20 lbs of scoured fleece. For lots weighing less than 20 lbs, after scouring, you can purchase enough additional wool from us to bring the scoured weight to 20 lbs. The following information details the basic variables involved in creating a custom yarn.

Contact us at 802.387.4528 to discuss your custom processing plans. David Ritchie (david@spinnery.com) is the primary custom processing contact at Green Mountain Spinnery.

### Production Information

**Process:** We work with our customers to design yarns which enhance the characteristics of the fibers used. The quality of the yarns is directly related to the quality of fiber provided. We are known for producing excellent light weight, worsted weight, and bulky yarns, either plied or unplied. Our method of hand scouring takes particular care of the fleece and fibers. To minimize our use of petroleum products, all scouring and processing are done with vegetable oil-based soap and spinning oil. No chemicals are used for moth or shrinkproofing, or for removing chaff. You can request Certified Organic processing



## **Fleece Requirements:**

The best quality yarns are made from fleece and fibers which are:

- clean and free of chaff, burrs, tags
- well-shorn with few second cuts, and short belly wool discarded
- staple length from 2.5 to 5.5 inches
- stored dry, preferably in burlap bags, cardboard boxes  
(NO PLASTIC GRAIN BAGS)
- free of moths & moth damage; NO mothballs
- a blend of fibers not too coarse or slippery for our machines

Please send us a small sample of your fleece to help us determine if we can process it effectively. We reject fleece that does not meet the above specifications.

**Color Consideration:** Call for free natural color blend samples showing different percentages of white and colored fleece. Many customers choose to dye their own yarns.

**Fiber Blend Considerations:** The producer may blend wool with mohair, angora or other precious fibers. Our sample card shows several of these special blends. We can blend up to 40% wool/60% mohair or alpaca depending on the grade and staple length used. We can produce wool yarns with percentages of other natural precious fibers, and are happy to produce cost estimates for these special lots separately.

**A Good Return:** The average custom process return is 55 lbs of finished yarn /100 lbs raw fleece. The return percentage is affected by the grease content and cleanliness of the clip.

**Selling Your Yarn?** If you plan to sell your yarn through a retail outlet, here are some pricing guidelines. The Spinnery retails its 100% wool worsted weight for \$15.25 per 2 oz / 140 yard skein and its 30% yearling mohair/70% wool worsted weight for \$16.75 per 2 oz/140 yd skein.

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SET UP FEE \$90.00 (\$60.00 for carded fleece only)

Please provide clean fibers. The charge for fibers requiring extra sorting (such as for heavy tags or excessive chaff) is \$50.00/hour.

INTAKE (sorted):	CARDED FLEECE	SPINNING
35 – 50 lbs raw	\$20.50	\$39.00 /finished lb.
50 – 100 lbs raw	\$18.75	\$34.00
100 – 199 lbs raw	\$16.75	\$30.75
200 – 499 lbs raw	\$15.75	\$28.00
500 lbs & over raw	\$14.00	\$26.00
For scoured fibers:		
20 – 29 lbs	\$15.50	\$33.25 /finished lb
30 - 54 lbs	\$13.00	\$28.75
55 - 149 lbs	\$11.00	\$24.50
150 - 349 lbs	\$10.00	\$22.50
350 lbs & over	\$9.50	\$20.50

## A. YARN TYPE SELECTION

charges per/finished lb of yarn

	<u>Single Ply</u>	<u>2, 3 or 4 ply</u>
<b>Light Carding:</b>	\$2.10/lb	\$3.70/lb
	<i>(lace, 2 str fingering)</i>	<i>(2 ply fingering, 2str/2 ply wstd)</i>
<b>Medium Carding:</b>	\$1.90/lb	\$3.45/lb
	<i>(2 str dk, 3 str wstd, 4 str bulky)</i>	<i>(2 ply dk, 3 ply wstd, 4 ply bulky)</i>
<b>Med / Heavy Carding:</b>	\$1.60/lb	\$3.20/lb
	<i>(4 str bulky)</i>	<i>(2 str/2 ply bulky)</i>
<b>Heavy Carding:</b>	\$1.05/lb	\$2.70/lb
	<i>(singles, 2 str wstd, 3 str bulky, 4 str chunky)</i>	<i>(2 ply wstd, 3 ply bulky)</i>



<b>B. FINISHING OPTIONS:</b>		
extra charges per/finished lb of yarn		
1) random cones		.25 /lb
2) skeins of approximately	4 oz	.50 /lb
	2 oz	\$1.00 /lb
	1 oz	\$2.00 /lb

Plus \$40.00 for each extra spin/ply within a lot

<b>C. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:</b> per finished lb of carded fleece or yarn	
1) if extra scouring is needed for dirty, more greasy, or precious fibers	
- medium wools	\$1.25/lb
- fine wools, and precious fibers	\$2.50/lb
2) if extra picking for long fiber or course fiber	.55/lb
3) color variegation-	
(requires separate picking as well as continuous manual card feeding)	\$1.50/lb
4) mohair/long wool blends, charge is based on the % of this in the yarn.	\$1.25/lb
5) Certified Organic Processing	.75/lb
6) over 200 scoured lbs- extra set up	\$30.00
7) yarn design by request	\$40.00/hr
<b>SCOURING ONLY:</b> charged per lb of raw fleece	
25 lb minimum, base price	\$5.00/lb
1) because of additional scouring required the charge will increase for dirty, more greasy or precious fibers	
- medium wools	\$1.00/lb
- fine wools	\$2.00/lb

**PAYMENT:** On completion of the lot the customer is notified of the amount due + shipping. Shipping is at customer's expense. Full payment is required prior to shipment.

- 1) ½% interest/month on invoices over 45 days
- 2) Storage fee: \$5.00/month on each 50 lbs held over 45 days
- 3) A deposit is required prior to production.