



British Wool Yarn Capsule

Yarn Sourcing Guide



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In the UK we have the most diverse range of sheep in the world with over 60 different breeds.

At British Wool we grade all of the wool we receive into approximately 100 different grades, these unique grades allow buyers to ensure the wool they are purchasing and using in their products is fit for the end application.

Sheep farms in the UK are on average much smaller than those in other major wool growing nations with an average flock size of between 250 and 300 sheep with an average greasy fleece weight of 2 kgs per sheep. Within an average flock the farmer could have 10-20 different grades of wool, this is unique to the UK as many other major wool growing nations would only have a handful of different grades.

It is crucial to understand how different farming in the UK is to other major wool growing nations when looking at the different frameworks that are available as many are simply not feasible or indeed practical in the UK due to these differences.

British wool is an amazingly natural and renewable resource that can be used in many applications from the catwalks of Milan to home interior products such as bedding and carpets, the diverse wool types on offer in the UK mean that British wool really can provide a truly sustainable solution for every application.





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Nm 6/1, Nm 6/2, Nm 6/3

Heritage and Heritage Heather Collection

Established in 1978, Knoll Yarns Limited is based in the picturesque Yorkshire town of Ilkley. We pride ourselves on being an important supplier of stock-supported lambswool and pure new wool yarns, both to the UK and worldwide knitwear and weaving industries. All wool supplied by Knoll is 100% natural, biodegradable and more beneficial to the planet.

Our Heritage range is made using the wool from the beautiful fleeces of British born and bred sheep. The range consists of 'Heritage', undyed 100% pure new wool with its natural nuances as different percentages are blended together to achieve a beautiful variety of shades. 'Heritage Heather', a tonal palette of 18 glorious colours, all dyed and spun in the UK.

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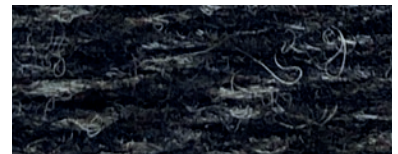
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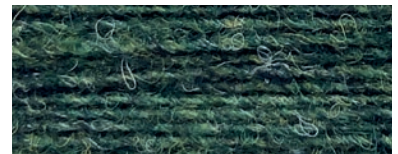
8576
Masham



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Sienna



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Alder



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Yew



Washing Instructions





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9.5/2 Nm

100% British Wool

In the mid-90s, Miroglio, a leader of the international textile market, made their first investment in Bulgaria, concentrating on the reduction of production costs as well as on the strategical closeness to all European markets and easy availability of technical and technological support.

Since 2006 the company was expanded and completely renewed, starting with the purchase of the historical textile factory of Slitex. It was this investment that gave the company the opportunity of positioning itself at the top of the market for worsted and woollen knitting yarns.

At the present time, the company regularly produces British wool yarns, spun dyed from a variety of wool grades ranging from 32.5-35.5 μm , with the staple lengths ranging from 5cm to 10cm.

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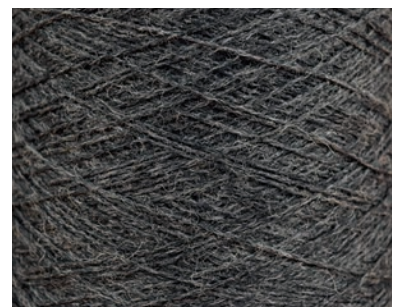
EL7
Caspian



EK9
Navy



EL5
Charcoal





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2/9 Nm

Aran Collection

Dedicated to the production of worsted spun yarns in pure wool and wool blends. With over 70 years of experience, accumulating know-how and expertise, combined with the dynamism of new generations, has resulted in a very knowledgeable and skilled team prepared to face the challenges of an ever-evolving market with determination and efficiency. Based in Barcelona, with both spinning and dyeing facilities.

We are aware that our customers must distance themselves from their competitors and we know that the key to success lies in the ability to adapt to new challenges. At Hilados Egarfil, we have the means to abet the customers through different market changes and creative exploration, by producing bespoke yarns according to their needs. This adaptability and flexibility of our production makes us a reliable partner.

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Aran
Nep



Light Grey
Natural



Summer
Storm



Natural
Jacob



Charcoal



Washing Instructions





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SheepSoft

2/9 Nm

100% British wool

Sheepsoft Collection

Sourced from the very finest flocks and treated with absolute care and attention. Using the exquisite Bluefaced Leicester for softness and Masham for durability, fully sustainable, natural, renewable and biodegradable. Supporting British sheep farmers with high standards of animal welfare and genuine UK manufacturing.

Over 100 years in the making, Laxtons has grown from a turn of the century entrepreneurial mill to one of the world's most respected yarn manufacturers. At our state-of-the-art new spinning mill we have not only increased capacity with new machinery but also our capabilities in being able to offer an even more diverse range of yarns for many different markets and end uses.

Stock supported in 16 shades.

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Bishopdale



Grassington



Aysgarth



Settle



Dentdale



Washing Instructions





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WOOLTRACE

2/9 Nm

100% British wool

Wooltrace Collection

Committed to making a difference. Working with a dedicated group of British farmers whose common goal is to create the best quality wool for our yarn. Coupled with British manufacturing we can capture the short journey of your product back to farm.

With consumers being increasingly environmentally conscious now more than ever we feel the need to reduce the impact of fast fashion and fossil fuels by supporting the campaign which nurtures land transformation.

A driving force for change. Positive, environmentally and social change is the driving force behind the Wooltrace® initiative. We provide transparency and traceability to all of our products with the back to farm journey. Supporting British Farmers through fair pay is at the heart of what we do along with working to provide renewable, biodegradable yarn to stop microplastic pollution of our land and oceans.

Stock supported in 16 shades.

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Ecru



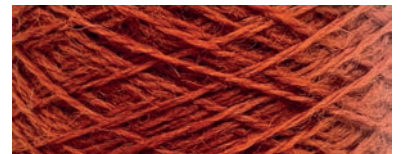
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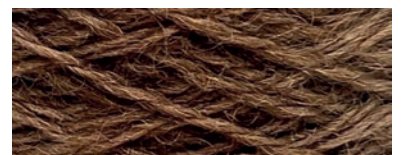
Celadine



Sunset



Nutmeg



Washing Instructions





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2/9 Nm

100% British wool

Pennine Collection

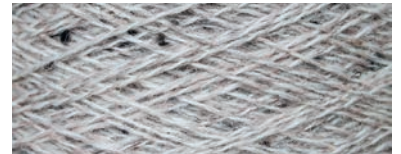
A stock supported collection of fine worsted spun yarn brought to you by a family owned business based in Saddleworth in the heart of the Pennine Hills. Our family name is derived from old English meaning 'the shepherd's valley' – and we pride ourselves on our ability to combine 200 years of age-old techniques and experience in the wool industry with our passion for sustainable, renewable fibres.

To celebrate the natural qualities of British wool, our yarn range also includes natural undyed colours, spun using wool from naturally coloured British sheep breeds.

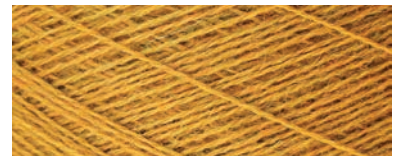
Care of the environment features strongly in our strategic planning, and we are selective in our supplier base by choosing to work only with companies that have a sound ecological footprint. When our partners dye our wool, they are fully compliant with EA Industrial Emissions Directive and are totally committed to ensuring no chemicals or dyestuffs used cause harm to the watercourse or atmosphere, and no AZO dyestuffs are used in the production of our yarns.

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020#
Skiddaw
Nepp



090
Mustard
Fields



077
Kielder



081#
Radish
Nepp



037
Cinnamon



Washing Instructions





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- 2/8 Nm 100% Cheviot
- 2/8 Nm Cheviot x Nettle
- 2/8 Nm Cheviot x Soy
- 2/9 Nm Teeswater x BFL

A radical wool collective, enabling the sourcing and creation of yarn with breed specific British wool carefully sourced directly from British farmers working through British Wool's traceability scheme. We nurture lasting relationships with farmers, mills and manufacturers that have similar ethical ethos.

By showcasing the natural diversity and potential for different tactile qualities of sheep breeds across the UK we can create change through positive collaboration with a cultural and environmental impact.

Working from the ground up, we develop quality yarns that empower all those involved from farming the raw materials through to end users. Using our knowledge of British sheep breed characteristics we create single-breed fully traceable yarns, and also experiment with blending natural fibres together with British wool. Blending Nettle and Soy with Cheviot fleece champions a natural alternative to using synthetic additives. Our yarns are all tested for commercial grade knitting machines but have also been dyed and used in hand knitting yarns creating a versatile collection.

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Teeswater x BFL



Cheviot x Nettle



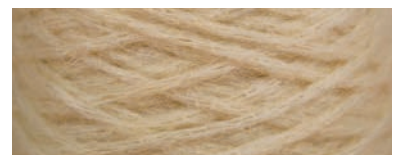
100% Cheviot



Cheviot x Soy



Chainette



Washing Instructions





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7-18 Nm - Singles, 2 and 3 fold twisted
Shrink-resist treated version also available

For over 80 years, Transilana has been producing 100% wool and wool yarns in various blends with other natural, synthetic and artificial fibres (including ternary blends) for the weaving and knitting industries, focusing on both the quality of the products and the associated services, having as a main objective the satisfaction of the most demanding categories of clients.

Our main approach is to develop our own range for each customer, in accordance with its own specifications. So, we offer the flexibility of our production and the availability of our technical team to design and supply yarns specific to each request.

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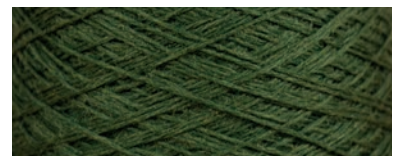
Ecru



Peach



Warm Green



Red Wine



Chocolate



Washing Instructions

For untreated wool



For shrink-resist treated wool



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1/11 Nm can be plied

100% British wool

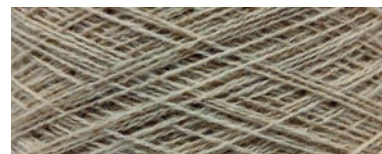
Established in 1766, in the rural, picturesque Yorkshire village of Denby Dale, where it remains in the very same place to this day. Combining the expertise built up through the generations with modern technological advances to produce the finest quality yarns in the international market.

The range includes 30 stock service shades, sourced from 100% British sheep and therefore having a low carbon footprint and supporting British sheep farmers.

Being a sustainable business is becoming increasingly important to us and to our customers. None of our processes use azo dyes, formaldehyde, carcinogenic, hazardous or allergy inducing products, and we are striving to decrease our carbon footprint and reduce our energy consumption.

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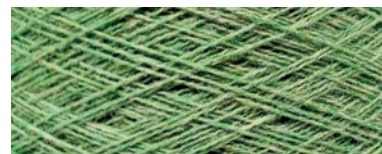
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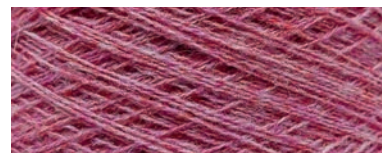
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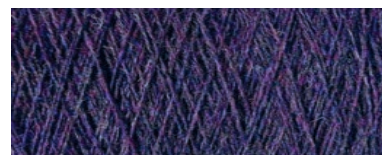
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Blossom 16



Highland 20



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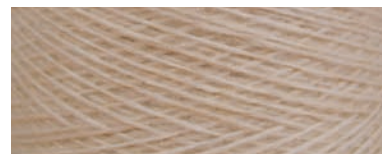
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Just a small selection of innovative yarns made using British wool. Inspiring the industry to push the boundaries and embrace the limitless potential that this remarkable, local material holds.

Airspun

This unique manufacturing method results in air being trapped between the fibres which creates a lofty and lightweight yarn.

Airspun
wool



Mohair Twist

Twisting together different permutations of fibre content and component yarns to enhance and compliment the characteristics of the final yarn.

Mohair
Twist



Luxury wool blends

Elevating the handle and perception of a British wool yarn with blends including silk, alpaca and cashmere.

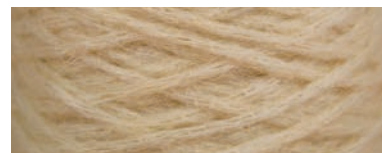
Luxury wool
blends



Chainette

Made using a knitted component yarn to form a hollow tubular structure that gives the yarn a light, voluminous feel.

Chainette



Recycled blends

Blending recycled fibre content with British wool is an inevitable approach to sustainable yarn production.

Recycled
blends



Scan the QR code to find out more information or contact us at marketing@britishwool.org.uk

Traceability

British Wool offers different levels of traceability to suit clients demands.



All from British farms

All wool handled by British Wool comes from British farms, we do not grade and sell wool from anywhere else so all wool can be traced to British farms.



Regional traceability

British Wool have eight Grading Depots across the UK, all of the wool sold can be traced back to a specific Depot and give regional traceability.

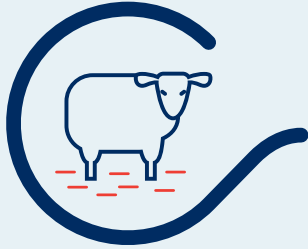


Individual farms

We can offer farm traceability to any of the 35,000 farms we receive wool from. Helping connect our wool producers to brands and consumers and giving an additional layer of transparency.



Our six pillars



KIND TO ANIMALS



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



QUALITY ASSURED



TRACEABILITY



SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE



NON-MULESED WOOL





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