

# BLACKFACE

## Mountain

Established in the UK: 12th century

### ORIGINS

Said to go back to the 12th century when monks used their wool for clothing and exporting to Europe.

### CHARACTERISTICS

A horned, black-faced sheep with black and white markings on both legs and feet, and a coarse, bulky fleece.

### LOCATION

Primarily Scottish Highlands and hills of North East England but occurs throughout the UK.

### MAIN USES

Mostly carpets, although some grades can be used in blends for Scottish and Irish tweed cloth and, to a lesser extent, in mattress production.



**Breed Society  
Established:**  
1901

**Handle:**  
Medium/Harsh

**Colour:**  
White

**Fleece Weight:**  
2 - 3 kg

**Staple Length:**  
15 - 30 cm

**Micron Range:**  
35+

### PHOTOS

**Above: male**  
**Middle left: female**  
**Opposite page: male**



