

British Wool

Yarn Sourcing Guide



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.



Volume of wool
20 million kilos



Number of members
30,000

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 apparel applications from coating fabrics and knitwear to footwear and accessories. The diverse wool types on offer in the UK mean that British wool really can provide a truly sustainable solution for every brand.

The Shepherd's Crook Mark

The British Wool Shepherd's Crook Mark ensures that the wool in your knitwear is 100% British, carefully graded, and processed to the highest standards. By choosing British wool, you support UK farmers, guarantee the authenticity and traceability of your materials, and align your designs with the heritage, quality, and sustainability of locally sourced wool.



Provenance

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.

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. We can offer farm traceability to any of the 30,000 farms we receive wool from. Helping connect our wool producers to brands and consumers, giving an additional layer of transparency.

High Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare has been an integral part of British farming for centuries and the UK has led this area globally for many years and today have the strictest animal welfare laws in the world. All UK wool comes from non-mulesed sheep.

Quality Assurance

Every fleece we receive is graded by hand to determine both the style and the quality of the wool. This ensures the supply chain can trust the quality of wool they are using, year after year despite the nuances of it being a natural fibre.



Our six pillars *Sustainable, Ethical, Responsible*



KIND TO ANIMALS



ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY



QUALITY ASSURED



NON-MULESED WOOL



SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

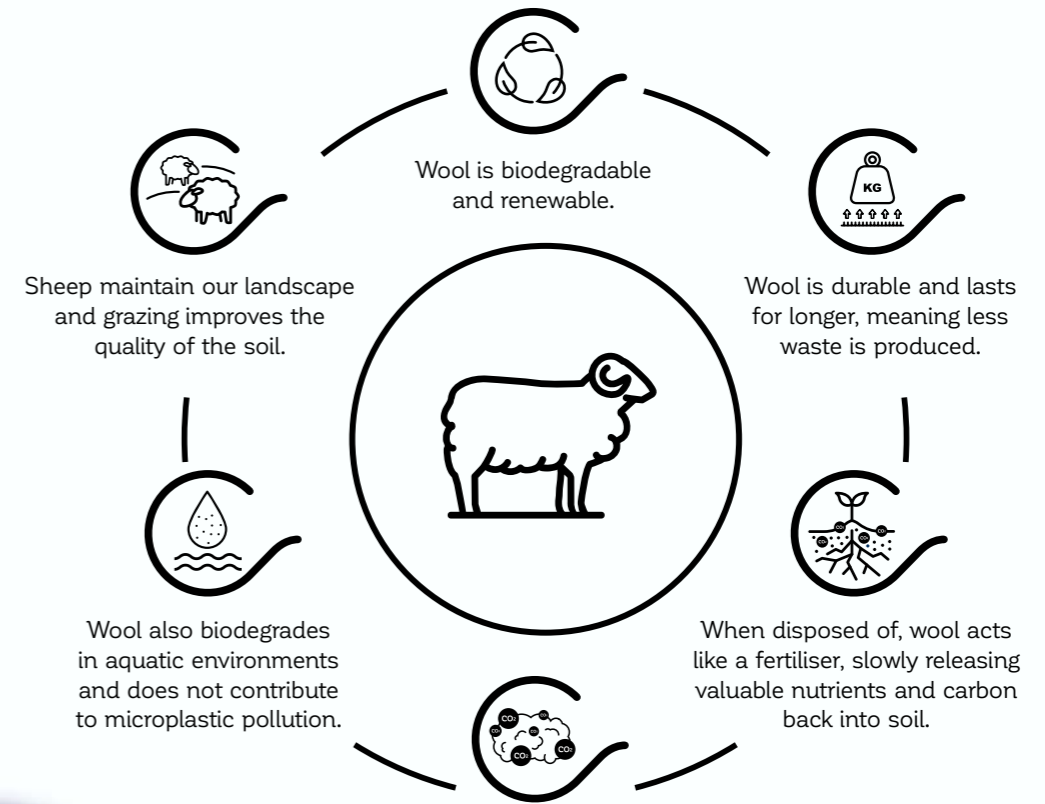


TRACEABILITY

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in our Brand ID Booklet



Sustainable, Ethical, Responsible



Actively managed pastures that are grazed by livestock are a great carbon sink, capturing CO₂ in the lifetime of the product.



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Certified ranges: Heritage, Heritage Heather
Certification: 100%
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Certified ranges: Aran Collection
Certification: 100%
Yarn weight: 2/9 Nm
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Laxtons
Certified range: Sheepsoft, Wooltrace, 100% Bluefaced Leicester
Certification: 100%, Traceable
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Shepley Yarns
Certified ranges: Pennine, MoWool,
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The Wool Library
Certified ranges: 100% Cheviot, Cheviot X Nettle, Cheviot Soy, Teeswater X BFL
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Z. Hinchliffe & Sons



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Certification: 100%
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World of Wool
Certified range: Isle (Aran), Proper (4ply), Distilled (DK) Undyed 4ply, Chunky/Super Chunky, BFL Blends
See insert for more details
Certification: 100%, Blend
Yarn weight: Lace, DK, Aran, 4ply, Chunky, Super Chunky
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Certified ranges: Blob, Dipende, Aran, Mexico, Maga, Good Fun, Pump It Up, Bogota, Cartagena, Indias, Iguara, Tolima, Chupa Chups, Ciquita, Cannes, Superwool, York, Boom & Facundo
Certification: 100%, Blend
Yarn weight: 1/900 Nm – 1/4000 Nm
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Femey Spinning Mills
Certified ranges: English Wool
Certification: 100%
Yarn weight: 1/7 Nm
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The Wool Spinners
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Romney Tweed
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Yarn weight: 2/16 Nm
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Click or scan to view suppliers and manufacturers





Image: By Soren



1/7Nm & 2/7Nm
100% British wool

The Wool Spinners is a Yorkshire worsted spinning mill specialising in the production of premium yarns, with a strong focus on British wool. Drawing on the region's renowned textile heritage, they combine traditional spinning methods with modern techniques to produce yarns of exceptional consistency, durability, and performance. By maintaining production within Yorkshire, we uphold the legacy of British manufacturing while ensuring provenance and traceability. Supplying directly to retailers and trade partners. The Wool Spinners offers an extensive range of yarns and fibres with impressive flexibility and turn around times.

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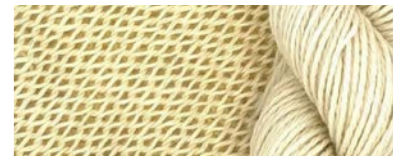


Full shade card available from The Wool Spinners

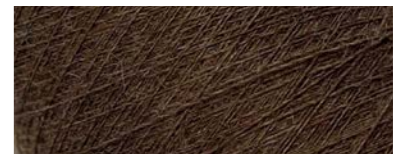
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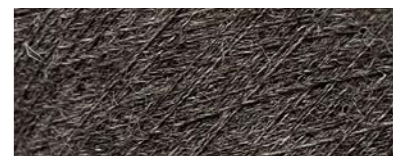
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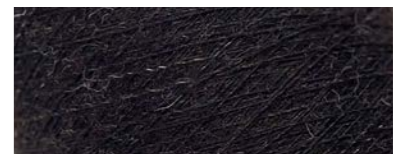
Manx



Grey Jacob



Black Jacob



Washing Instructions





Image: Acme Atelier



2/16 Nm

100% British wool

Romney Marsh Collection

A capsule collection of distinction from 100% British wool yarns showcasing the work of the sheep farmers of the Romney Marsh.

Romney Tweed's beautiful, worsted yarns originate from Grade 1 Romney wool spun into a soft handling, lustrous yarn. The Romney sheep have grazed on the Romney Marsh since the 7th Century, becoming a staple of the medieval wool and cloth trades, both legitimate and smuggled. Kent including the Romney Marsh, remains the heartland of the breed.

Romney Tweed was incorporated as a Community Interest Company in 2014 by Patricia Alston ONZM. The business is committed to supporting the rural communities, economy and young people of the Romney Marsh.

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Full shades available from Romney Tweed

Ecru

Rust

Olive

Airforce
Blue

Chocolate
Brown



Nm 6/1, Nm 6/2, Nm 6/3
100% British Wool
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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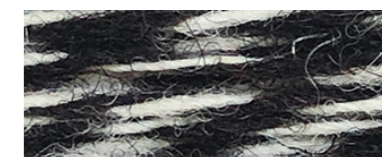


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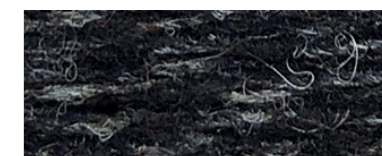
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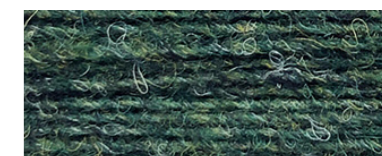
8576
Masham



8561
Sienna



8519
Alder



8517
Yew



Washing Instructions





Image: &Sons



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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Full shade card available from E. Miroglio EAD

EL7
Caspian



EK9
Navy



EL5
Charcoal





Image: Peregrine



2/9 Nm
100% British Wool
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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Full shade card available from Hilados Egarfil

Aran
Nep



Light Grey
Natural



Summer
Storm



Natural
Jacob



Charcoal



Washing Instructions





Image: Aubin

Laxtons

Specialist Yarns

With 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.

2/9 Nm
100% British Wool
Wooltrace Collection



Positive, environmental and social change is the driving force behind the Wooltrace® initiative. We provide transparency and traceability with the back to farm journey, working with British Romney farmers to create the best quality wool for our yarn.

Stock supported in 16 shades.

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Ecru



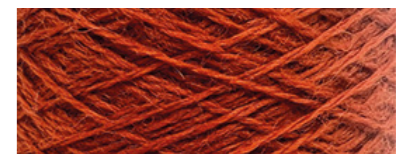
Butter



Celadine



Sunset



Nutmeg



Full shade cards available from Laxtons

Washing Instructions



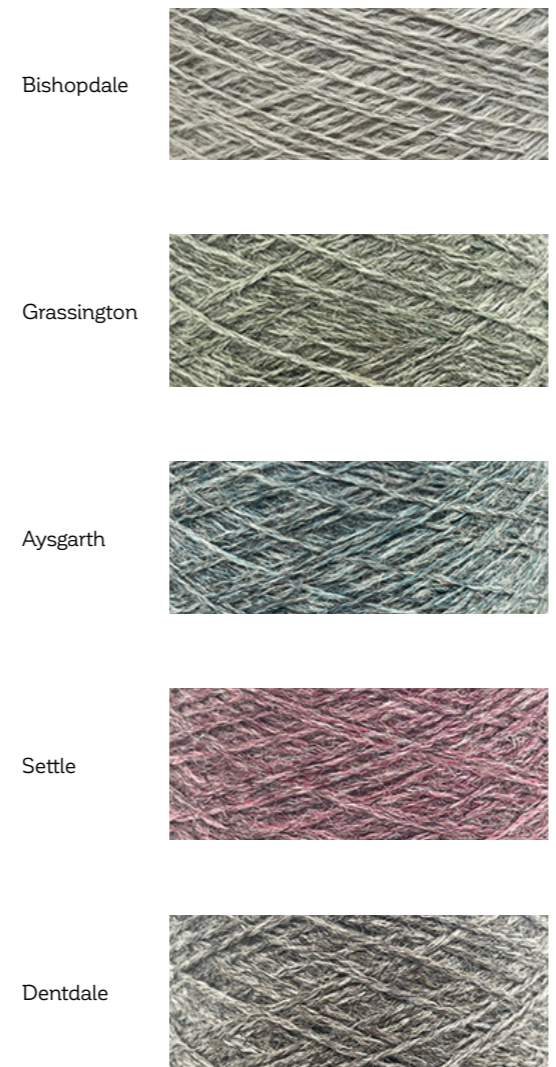


Image: Charl Knitwear

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.

Stock supported in 16 shades.



Washing Instructions



2/9 Nm
100% British Wool
BFL

Known for its soft, silky texture and subtle lustre, BFL is a British breed with a long-standing reputation for producing some of the finest wool available. Produced in a top tier UK spinning mill, this collection reflects true British craftsmanship at every stage.

Stock supported in 16 shades.



Washing Instructions



Image: Peregrine



Image: Stanley Biggs



SHEPLEY
YARNS LTD

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.

2/9 Nm
100% British Wool
Pennine Collection

Stock supported collection of fine worsted spun yarn. 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.

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Full shade card available from Shepley Yarns Ltd

020#
Skiddaw
Nepp



090
Mustard
Fields



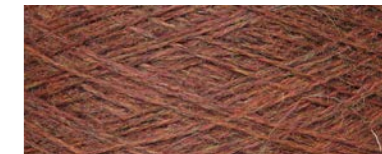
077
Kielder



081#
Radish
Nepp



037
Cinnamon



Washing Instructions





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2/9.3 Nm

100% British Wool

Mowool collection

Mowool is a brushed British wool. The fibre length in this worsted spun 100% pure wool yarn give this luxurious fibre a hairy look akin to mohair, and fabulous bulk without weight. We finishing enhances the look.

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Full shade card available from Shepley Yarns Ltd

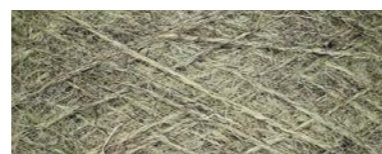
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Brushed
Sage Green



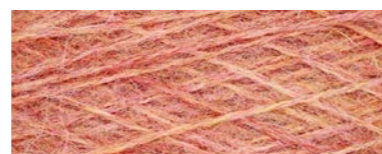
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Brushed
Dark Apple



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Brushed
August
Peach



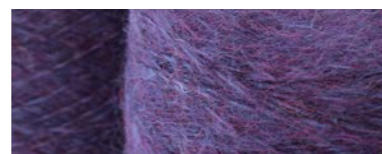
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Brushed
Burnt
Orange



6027

Brushed
Heather



Washing Instructions





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

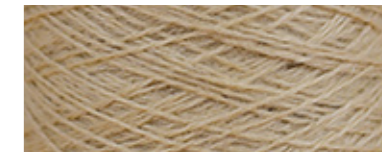
A radical wool collective, enabling the sourcing and creation of yarn with breed specific British wool carefully sourced directly from British farmers working through British Wool's traceability scheme. We nurture lasting relationships with farmers, mills and manufacturers that have similar ethical ethos.

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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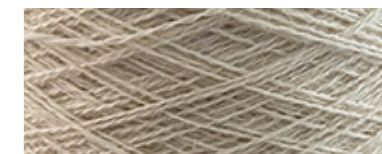
Teeswater
x BFL



Cheviot
x Nettle



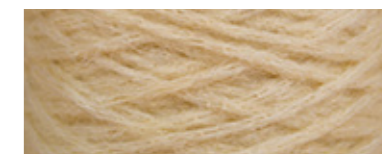
100%
Cheviot



Cheviot
x Soy



Chainette



Full shade card available from The Wool Library

Washing Instructions





Image: Palava

TRANSILANA

Inspired by Wool

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

100% British Wool

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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Full shade card available from Transilana

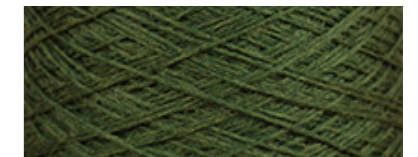
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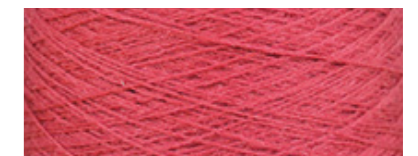
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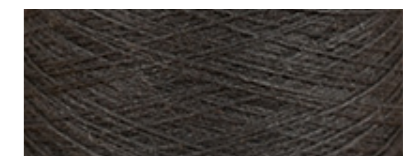
Warm Green



Red Wine



Chocolate



Washing Instructions

For untreated wool



For shrink-resist treated wool





Z. Hinchliffe & Sons

2/10 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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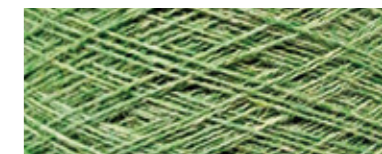
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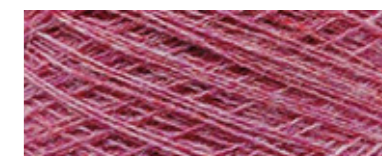
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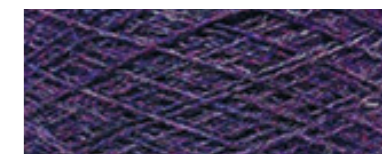
Cotswold 26



Blossom 16



Highland 20



Full shade card available from Z. Hinchliffe & Sons



4ply, Aran, DK, Chunky, Super Chunky

Certified Ranges:

Isle, Proper, Distilled, Halo, Beluga, Dune, Champagne, Corisca, Wanderlust, Rufford, Rufford Stricken, Bakewell, Littlestone, Lulworth, Braewick, Quartz, York Stone, Sparkly Quartz, Peppermill, Seasalt, Moonstone, Langwell, Cuddle, Nuzzle, Cheviot Super Chunky, Grey Shetland Super Chunky, Moorit Shetland Super Chunky, Black Shetland Super Chunky, White Shetland Super Chunky, BFL Super Chunky.

A family-owned and run business based in Huddersfield; one of the textile towns of West Yorkshire. We strive to produce high quality, British yarns in our own mill, taking ownership of every step from sourcing the fibre through to product development.

Our capabilities stretch from fine lace yarns through to roving yarn. Our spinning section is made up of employees who are experts in their area and have the skills and ability to get the best out of the fibre from a design and processing perspective. The success of our customers is how we measure our own success.

Isle & Proper collections stocked in 19 shades including ecru.

Alongside our stock dyed ranges we also have a range of undyed British breed specific yarns such as Lonk (Rufford), Dorset Horn (Lulworth) and Shetland (Braewick).

Stock supported and spun to Lace, 4ply, DK and Aran and supplied on cone or hank.

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4ply Undyed

Rufford



Lulworth



Littlestone



Dune



Braewick



Image: Charl Knitwear



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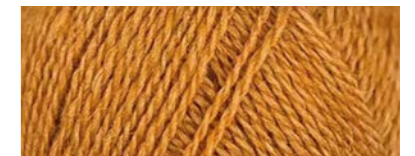


Proper Collection

Cocker
Yellow



Faffin
Orange



Bairn
Brown



Ginnel
Green



By Eck
Green





1/900 Nm – 1/4000 Nm

Certified Ranges:

Blob, Dipende, Aran, Mexico, Maga, Good Fun, Pump It Up, Bogota, Cartagena, Indias, Iguara, Tolima, Chupa Chups, Ciquita, Cannes, Superwool, York, Boom & Facundo.

Azeta Filati thrives on a close-knit, independent, and technically specialised team, valuing human connection, technical quality and creativity.

In 2005, Alessandro Aiazzi took full control of the company, founded in 1994 as a family business. His decisive vision, emphasising dialogue and trust, led to the company's growth.

The fancy yarns produced by Azeta Filati consistently meet and exceed market demands, thanks to the versatility in each department. The team's expertise and creativity cater to both small and large businesses. With a flexible supply chain and cutting-edge machinery, the company handles orders of all sizes.

Today, Azeta has dozens of employees and nearly tenfold revenue growth. Alessandro Aiazzi's simple yet profound idea has proven true: people drive progress, not the other way around.

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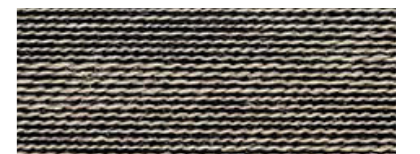
Good Fun



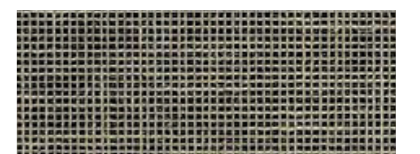
Cannes



Cartagena



Bogota



Chupa Chups





1/900 Nm – 1/4000 Nm

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The fancy yarns produced by Azeta Filati consistently meet and exceed market demands, thanks to the versatility in each department. The team's expertise and creativity cater to both small and large businesses. With a flexible supply chain and cutting-edge machinery, the company handles orders of all sizes.

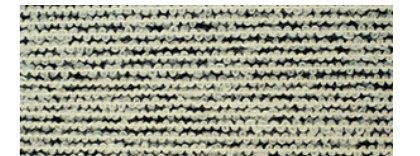
Today, Azeta has dozens of employees and nearly tenfold revenue growth. Alessandro Aiazzi's simple yet profound idea has proven true: people drive progress, not the other way around.

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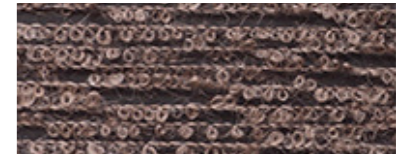
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Since 1979, Ferrey Spinning Mills has passionately pursued the best methods for producing high-performance carded yarns, primarily made from first-class noble fibres.

All the wool used in their process is carefully selected and sourced directly from production areas under the strict control of their own management.

From the day of its founding, Ferrey Spinning Mills has prioritised quality and technological innovation, combined with sustainable development and ethical company management. These principles are the cornerstones and fundamental competitive factors that help the company meet future challenges.

At Ferrey Spinning Mills, sustainability means more than just respecting and protecting the environment and animals. Core beliefs and priorities include the respect of human rights and the health of workers and consumers. The business is built on the foundations of supply chain traceability, transparency in production processes, and social responsibility.

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Innovation

This guide highlights our verified suppliers who are committed to specifying UK sheep farmers wool. Fusing the traditional with the contemporary, where classic wool fibres are reimagined to meet contemporary needs. Pushing the boundaries of modern textile machinery and supply chains, with the prime objective to add value back to the farmers.

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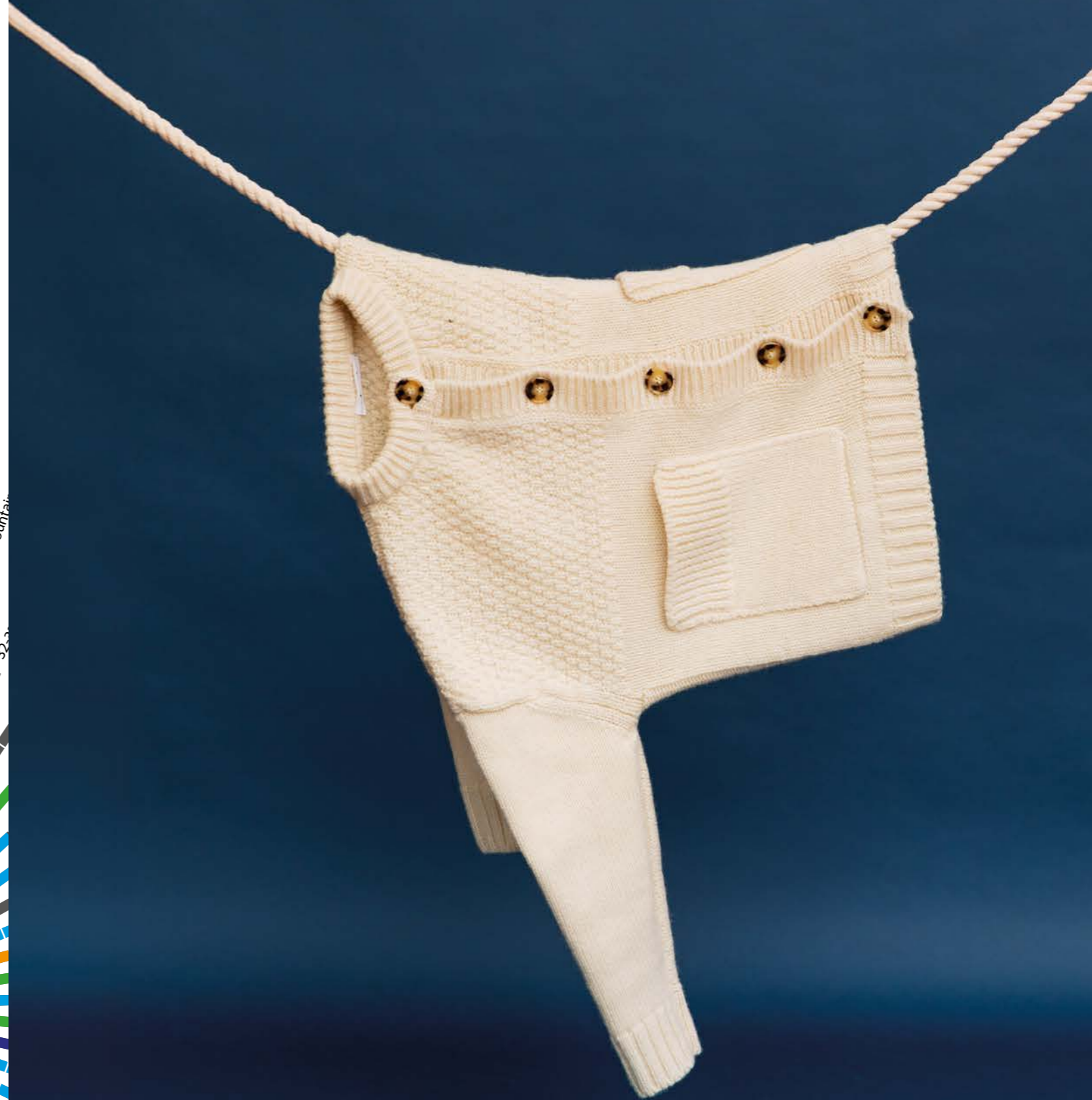
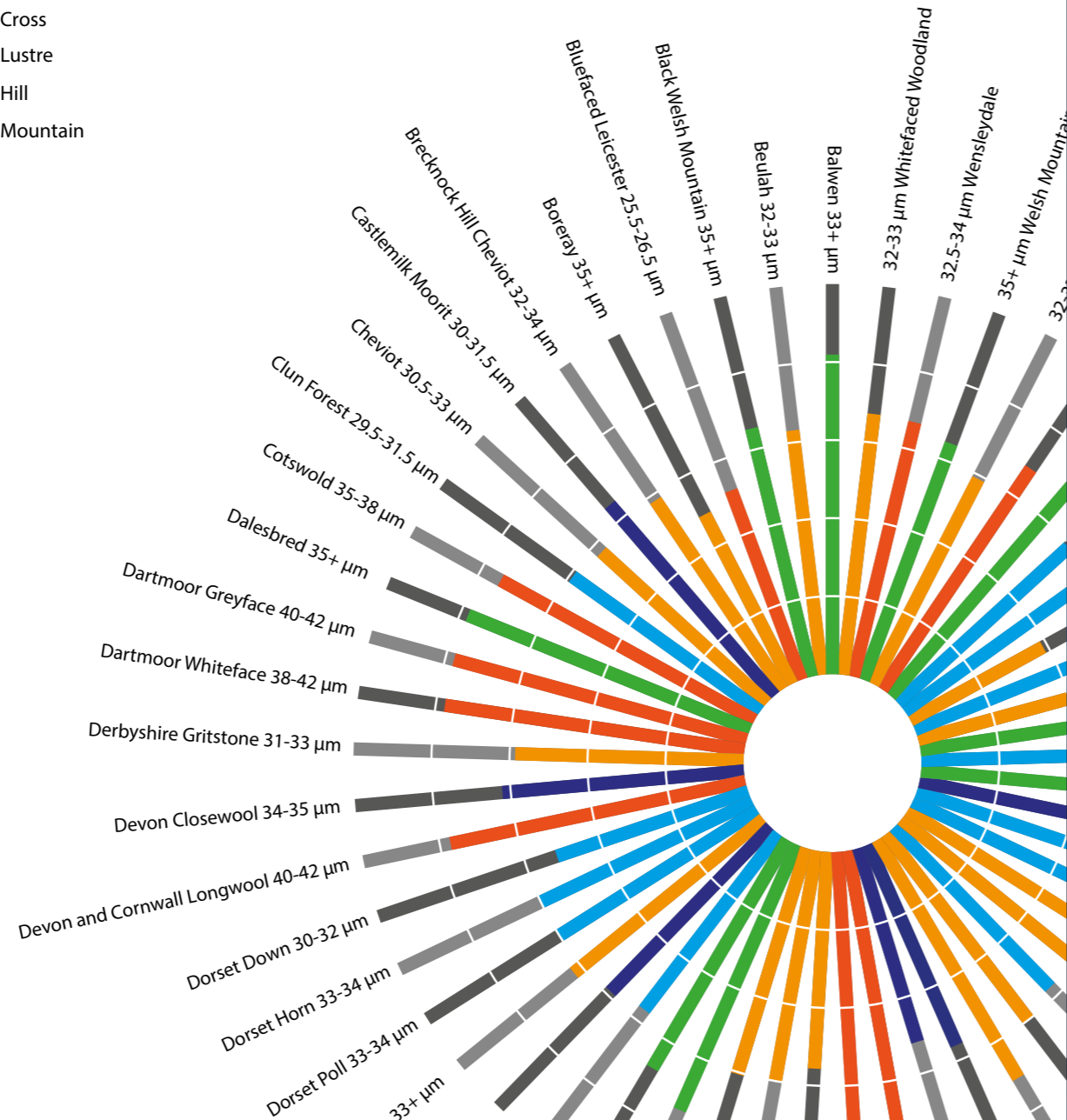


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