



Ewetopia Fiber Mill
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Custom Processing Fact Sheet 2018-2019

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 will work with all fibers from wool to alpaca, llama, mohair, the list of fibers goes on!

We pledge to use 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 off set and 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.

Shipping Address for UPS/FEDEX/Speedy deliveries

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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!*) We can provide skirting for you, but it backs us up time wise and your order may not be as prompt in return.
- The staple length should be between 3 - 10 inches – For spinning 3½ - 10 inches is ideal
- Stored dry - please NO plastic grain bags
- 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

Prices are based on lots of 30lbs. raw weight* or more, smaller lots are fine, but subject to a \$30 set-up fee per lot or per color batch.

*Raw Weight = grease weight wool that has been skirited but not yet washed

Skirting - \$25/hour - Please send your fleeces already skirited, this means removing vegetable matter, manure/sweat tags, and weak areas of the fiber (usually along the spine area), 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 - \$4.25-6.00/lb. based on incoming raw weight, if your wool is extra dirty and requires additional washes that will be charged at \$2/lb per wash.

We welcome already washed wool, but please send us a sample for analysis first. Wool has to be free of grease before it can be processed, if we feel it needs further washing we will do that for the above price. Please do not send us felted fleeces or fleeces washed using a suint bath method. Please contact us about our next washing class!

You may be interested in a colored solid or heathered roving or yarn? Now is the time to dye the washed fiber before further processing. \$15/lb. - please send us a sample color/s and we will create for you something luminous and magical! Dyeing can also happen after spinning.

Picking & Carding - \$10/lb. for roving or batts (24"x36") based on weight of washed fiber

**\$15-20/lb. for Alpaca, llama or other non-wool fibers*

Pin Drafting - \$5-10/lb. for smoother semi-worsted roving

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

Please see our Price List for spinning prices. Prices are calculated for 2-ply yarns, additional plies are \$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. Please contact us for pricing.

Skeining - Your yarn will come back as skeins counted at 250 yds., unless otherwise stated on your order form. We can also put up your yarn into 4 or 2 oz skeins, or a counted yardage. If you require dye-ties, please let us know!

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 your yarns after spinning for \$2/lb.

Yarn Returns: The average custom process return is 45-55 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 than Border Leicester wool.

Payment: A deposit is required with your shipment before processing begins, on completion of the lot the customer is notified of the total amount due including shipping (shipping is at the customers expense). Full remainder payment is required before lot is shipped or picked up.

- The down payment is the washing fee for raw weight (\$4.25/lb incoming raw weight), or if it is already washed and does not need further washing, 10% of the processing cost based on clean weight.
- .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.