Alpaca fleece processing charges

from November 2026

We base our charges on the actual weight of your fleece remaining at different stages of the process as we turn it into yarn, as detailed overleaf. But we've summarised below the price per kg incoming weight (that is, the weight of fleece you send to us for processing) based on an average 75% return rate (how much finished yarn you get back per kg of raw fleece), with average quality fibre. There's also a 'Ready Reckoner' on our website which you can use to estimate the likely return rate and cost for your fleece.

Yarn type *Costs for yarn on cone, excluding VAT and delivery*	**Average cost per kg incoming weight** *assuming 75% return and average quality fibre*	*Notes*
Chunky (3 or 4 plies, 80-100m/100g)	**£80.50**	There is a minimum charge of £100 + VAT per batch, which equates to c. **1.2 kg** incoming weight for fleece to be spun into yarn
Aran (4 plies, 100-150m/100g)	**£83.00**	
Light Aran (2 thick plies, 150-200m/100g)	**£86.00**	
Double knitting (3 plies, 150-200m/100g)	**£89.00**	
Light DK (3 plies, 200-250m/100g)	**£92.00**	
4 ply (2 plies, c. 250-300m/100g)	**£95.00**	
Light 4 ply (2 plies, c. 300-350m/100g)	**£100.50**	
2 ply (2 plies, c. 350-400m/100g)	**£109.50**	The cost will be somewhere within this range depending on how finely the yarn is spun
Superfine (2 plies, 400-500m/100g)	**£121.00**	
Additional charges		
Sorting	£18.50	per kg rejected fibre
Skirting cria or very contaminated fleece	£50.00	per hour
Cutting long suri fibre (>15 cm)	£50.00	
Tweed, heather, and barberpole blends	£16.00	per batch
Finishing as 100g balls or skeins	£12.00	per kg finish weight
Labels for 100g balls or skeins	£15.00	
Finishing as 50g balls or skeins	£24.00	
Labels for 50g balls or skeins	£30.00	
Tying 100g skeins for dyeing	£12.00	
Tying 50g skeins for dyeing	£24.00	
Dyeing fleece or yarn	£50.00	per kg, minimum 500g
Rovings		
Rovings (washed and carded fibre) – these will be supplied loose in bags of c. 500g	£41.00	£100 minimum charge equates to c. **2.3 kg** start weight

Here's how we calculate the actual charge for your fleece:

Tumbling	£4.00	per kg start weight
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Washing	£21.00	per kg tumbled weight *(c. 95% of start weight)*
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Carding & drafting		
Weighted charge according to carding feed size, directly related to fibre quality		
• More coarse fibre	£16.00	per kg washed weight *(c. 90% of start weight)*
• Average fibre	£20.00	
• Fine fibre	£30.00	
• Very fine / fragile	£35.00	
• Very fine / fragile	£42.00	
Spinning, plying, steaming & conewinding		
• Chunky	£45.00	per kg washed weight *(c. 90% of start weight)*
• Aran	£49.00	
• Light Aran	£52.00	
• DK	£55.50	
• Light DK	£59.00	
• 4 ply	£63.00	
• Light 4 ply	£69.00	
• 2 ply	£79.00	
• Superfine	£92.50	
	+	
Finishing		
• Cone	-	per kg finish weight *(c. 75% start weight)*
• 100g balls or skeins	£12.00	
• 50g balls or skeins	£24.00	
Labelling		
• 100g balls or skeins	£15.00	
• 50g balls or skeins	£30.00	

Weighted carding charges

When we card your fibre we vary the feed size on the carder (amount of fibre going in at any single time) according to the quality of your fleece – fine fleeces need to be handled more delicately, so we can't put as much fibre through at once, which means the carding process takes longer. The carding charge is therefore variable, according to the feed size we use when carding your fibre.

	Indicative costs for carding to plying per yarn weight per kilo according to fibre quality				
	More coarse	**Average**	**Fine**	**Very fine**	**Very fine**
Chunky	£61.00	£65.00	£75.00	£80.00	£87.00
Aran	£65.00	£69.00	£79.00	£84.00	£91.00
Light Aran	£68.00	£72.00	£82.00	£87.00	£94.00
DK	£71.50	£75.50	£85.50	£90.50	£97.50
Light DK	£75.00	£79.00	£89.00	£94.00	£101.00
4 ply	£79.00	£83.00	£94.00	£99.00	£105.00
Light 4 ply	£85.00	£89.00	£99.00	£104.00	£111.00
2 ply	£95.00	£99.00	£109.00	£114.00	£121.00
Superfine	£108.50	£112.50	£122.50	£127.50	£134.50
Rovings	£16.00	£20.00	£30.00	£35.00	£42.00

Fibre separating

Black or dark brown fleeces (which are really difficult to clean so need to go through the fibre separator after the first wash to open up the fibres ready for a second wash before carding), fleeces which are very heavily contaminated with vegetable matter,* and those with a lot of guard hair, will need to go through an additional fibre separating stage before carding.
Dyed fleece may also need to be separated to open up the fibre before carding.

Fibre separating (also called 'dehairing' is charged at £16.50 per kg on the weight of the fibre after washing. Including this stage will increase the cost between 1% (for fine yarns) and 10% (for chunky yarns) and reduce the average return rate by 5-10%.

*Please note that it is impossible to remove all the vegetable matter from heavily contaminated fleeces.

Delivery charges

Please note that for the Scottish Highlands and Islands there will be a 20% surcharge on top of the prices shown below. The postcodes affected include: AB, IV, KW, PH, HS, ZE, KA27-KA28, and PA. Overseas charges may vary.

Packaging & Delivery Charges for return of your yarn	
Up to 2 kg	£23.00
Up to 5 kg	£26.00
Up to 10 kg	£30.00
Up to 15 kg	£32.00
Up to 20 kg	£35.00
Up to 25 kg	£38.00
Up to 30 kg	£40.00



Please note: *All prices exclude VAT*

Deposits

We ask a deposit of £10.00 per kg for new customers to book a processing slot for 10 kg or more, and for all customers making a booking for 20 kg or more. We'll invoice you for the deposit (if applicable) on receipt of your booking form. This will be deducted from your invoice for fleece processing when your order is complete, but is non-refundable in the event of cancellation.

Bookings that require a high initial cost (e.g. the purchase of silk to blend with your fibre) or are especially large and/or expected to take longer to complete may incur a pre-payment of costs before we begin your work, with the balance to be paid upon completion.