Sheep wool 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. We've summarised below the price per kg incoming weight (the weight of fleece you send to us for processing) based on an average 60% return rate (how much finished yarn you get back as a proportion of the start weight);
but the return rates can vary from 45-70% depending on the breed of sheep. For example, 'character' fleeces (e.g. Hebridean, Herdwick, Valais) can produce lovely yarns, but the return rates are usually lower due to the amount of grease, coarser fibre and debris removed during processing.

There's a Ready Reckoner on our website which you can use to estimate the return rate and cost for your fibre, but this can vary considerably even within a breed depending on the quality and condition of the fleece. Please note that we can't process fleece with skin flakes; and please do sort through the fleece before sending it to us to remove any clumps of poo and any excessively dirty or coarse fibre.

Our experience has shown that all wools benefit from fibre separating (also sometimes called 'dehairing') before carding – Wensleydale and other longwools need this to open up the staples, as do dyed fleeces; others to remove guard hairs or vegetable matter; or to break up clumps or matted tips – so this is now built into the pricing.

Yarn type *Costs for yarn on cone, excluding VAT and delivery*	**Average cost *per kg incoming weight*** *assuming 60% return*	*Notes*
Chunky (3 or 4 plies, 80-100m/100g)	**£70.00**	There is a minimum charge of £100 + VAT per batch, which equates to c. **1.5 kg** incoming weight for fleece to be spun into yarn NB: depending on the type and quality of fibre, it may not be possible to spin very fine yarns. The length per 100g will also vary by breed (e.g. yarns from longwools tend to be heavier for the same gauge)
Aran (4 plies, 100-150m/100g)	**£72.50**	
Light Aran (2 thick plies, 150-200m/100g)	**£75.00**	
Double knitting (3 plies, 150-200m/100g)	**£77.00**	
Light DK (3 plies, 200-250m/100g)	**£79.00**	
4 ply (2 plies, c. 250-300m/100g)	**£81.00**	
Light 4 ply (2 plies, c. 300-350m/100g)	**£84.50**	
2 ply (2 plies, c. 350-400m/100g)	**£91.00**	
Rovings		
Rovings (washed and carded fibre) – supplied loose in bags of c. 500g)	£41.00	£100 minimum equates to c. **2.5 kg** start weight

Please note: prices exclude VAT and delivery *(see overleaf)*

Additional charges		
Sorting (including poo removal!)	£50.00	*per hour*
Tweed 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*

Here's how we calculate the charge for your fleece, based on the actual weight of fleece remaining after each stage.

Washing	£16.00	per kg start weight
+		
Fibre separating	£15.50	per kg after washing *(c. 75% of start weight)*
+		
Carding, drafting, spinning, plying, steaming & conewinding		
Chunky	£63.50	per kg after fibre separating *(c. 70% of start weight)*
Aran	£67.00	
Light aran	£70.00	
DK	£73.00	
Light DK	£76.00	
4 ply	£79.00	
Light 4 ply	£84.50	
2 ply	£95.00	
Rovings	£19.00	
+		
Finishing		
Cone	-	per kg finish weight *(c. 60% start weight)*
100g balls/skeins	£12.00	
50g balls/skeins	£24.00	
Labelling		
100g balls/skeins	£15.00	
50g balls/skeins	£30.00	

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.

