

## Alpaca fleece processing charges from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022



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 fleece). There's also a 'Ready Reckoner' on our website which you can use to estimate the likely return rate and cost for your fleece.

Please note that black or dark brown fleeces and fleeces which are very heavily contaminated with vegetable matter will need to go through an additional fibre separating stage before carding, which will increase the costs by between 2% (for fine yarns) and 10% (for chunky yarns) and reduce the average return rate by 5-10%. Dyed fleece sometimes needs to be separated to open up the fibre before carding.

Yarn type <i>Costs for yarn on cone, excluding VAT and delivery</i>	Average cost per kg incoming weight assuming 75% return	Notes
<b>Chunky</b> (3 or 4 plies, 80-100m/100g)	<b>£60.00</b>	There is a minimum charge of £90 + VAT per batch, which equates to c. <b>1.5 kg</b> incoming weight for fleece to be spun into yarn
<b>Aran</b> (4 plies, 100-150m/100g)	<b>£62.50</b>	
<b>Light Aran</b> (2 thick plies, 150-200m/100g)	<b>£65.00</b>	
<b>Double knitting</b> (3 plies, 150-200m/100g)	<b>£67.00</b>	
<b>Light DK</b> (3 plies, 200-250m/100g)	<b>£69.00</b>	
<b>4 ply</b> (2 plies, c. 250-300m/100g)	<b>£71.00</b>	
<b>Light 4 ply</b> (2 plies, c. 300-350m/100g)	<b>£76.00</b>	
<b>2 ply</b> (2 plies, c. 350-400m/100g)	<b>£82.00</b>	The cost will be somewhere within this range depending on how finely the yarn is spun
<b>Superfine</b> (2 plies, 400-500m/100g)	<b>£93.00</b>	
<b>Additional charges</b>		
Sorting	£15.00	per kg rejected fibre
Skirting cria or very contaminated fleece	£42.00	per hour
Cutting long suri fibre (>15 cm)	£42.00	
Tweed and barberpole blends	£15.00	per batch
Finishing as 100g balls or skeins	£9.50	per kg finish weight
Labels for 100g balls or skeins	£9.50	
Finishing as 50g balls or skeins	£19.00	
Labels for 50g balls or skeins	£19.00	
Tying 100g skeins for dyeing	£7.50	
Tying 50g skeins for dyeing	£15.00	
Dyeing fleece or yarn	£42.00	per kg, minimum 500g
<b>Rovings</b>		
Loose rovings (washed and carded fibre)	£31.00	£90 minimum charge equates to c. <b>3 kg</b> start weight
Rovings wound into bumps	£40.00	

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

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

<b>Tumbling</b>	£3.00	per kg start weight
	+	
<b>Washing</b>	£15.00	per kg tumbled weight (c. 95% of start weight)
	+	
<b>Carding, drafting, spinning, plying, steaming &amp; conewinding</b>		
• Chunky	£48.00	per kg washed weight (c. 90% of start weight)
• Aran	£50.40	
• Light Aran	£52.80	
• DK	£55.20	
• Light DK	£57.60	
• 4 ply	£60.00	
• Light 4 ply	£64.00	
• 2 ply	£72.00	
• Superfine	£84.00	
• Loose rovings	£15.00	
	+	
<b>Finishing</b>		
• Cone	-	per kg finish weight (c. 75% start weight)
• 100g balls or skeins	£9.50	
• 50g balls or skeins	£19.00	
<b>Labelling</b>		
• 100g balls or skeins	£9.50	
• 50g balls or skeins	£19.00	

(Please see next page for the charging formula for fleeces that require fibre separating)

<b>Packaging &amp; Delivery Charges *</b> for return of your yarn	
Up to 2 kg	£15.00
Up to 5 kg	£18.00
Up to 10 kg	£21.00
Up to 15 kg	£24.00
Up to 20 kg	£27.00
Up to 25 kg	£30.00
Up to 30 kg	£33.00

\* excludes Parcelforce surcharges for the Isle of Wight and Northern Ireland

**Please note:** All prices exclude VAT



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<b>Tumbling</b>	£3.00	per kg start weight
	+	
<b>Washing</b>	£15.00	per kg tumbled weight (c. 95% of start weight)
	+	
<b>Fibre separating</b>	£12.00	per kg washed weight (c. 90% of start weight)
	+	
<b>Carding, drafting, spinning, plying, steaming &amp; conewinding</b>		
• Chunky	£48.00	
• Aran	£50.40	
• Light Aran	£52.80	
• DK	£55.20	
• Light DK	£57.60	per kg after
• 4 ply	£60.00	fibre separating
• Light 4 ply	£64.00	(c. 80% of start weight)
• 2 ply	£72.00	
• Superfine	£84.00	
• Rovings in bumps	£15.00	
	+	
	+	
<b>Finishing</b>		
• Cone	-	
• 100g balls or skeins	£9.50	per kg
• 50g balls or skeins	£19.00	finish weight
<b>Labelling</b>		
• 100g balls or skeins	£9.50	(c. 65% of
• 50g balls or skeins	£19.00	start weight)

This applies to:

- **Black or dark brown fleeces** (or blends containing these), 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 with a lot of vegetable matter**, which may go through the fibre separator, or (for very fine or cria fleece) be carded twice. However, please note that it is impossible to remove all the vegetable matter from very heavily contaminated fleeces.
- **Dyed fleece** sometimes needs to go through the fibre separator to open up the fibre ready for carding
- **Rovings to be wound into bumps**, which need to go through the fibre separator to allow for carding on our small carder, which has the bump-winding attachment. However, very fine fleeces can only be carded on the large carder, as loose rovings