

Custom Woolen Mills Ltd. (403) 337-2221
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EXOTIC FIBER PROCESSING PRICE LIST APRIL 2025

All prices are on the FINISHED WEIGHT of your product and include all steps necessary to make the product from raw fibre. You can get your own natural colours processed; we do not offer dyeing of exotic fibres. If you do not have enough of your own fiber for a product, we are willing to exchange with you using our Wool Credit system provided we have the product available - please make arrangements ahead of time for this option.

ROVING (ROPING) - We will wash and card 100% llama or alpaca fiber into roving, or we can blend your fibre with fine wool to process into roving (we can provide the blending fibre). For best results, fiber length should be 2 inches to 4 inches. There is no minimum weight requirement for roving.

Wash and Card 100% Exotic Roving or Exotic/Wool Blend Roving \$ 20.00/ lb

BATTING - We will wash, card, and blend your fibre with down-wool into quilting batts or fine-wool into felting batts. For the best results, fiber length should not exceed 4 inches (10 cm). There is no minimum weight requirement for batting. Should you wish to have bedding made, please make arrangements ahead of time with us for current prices for down proof ticking outer fabric and sewing.

Wash and Card Exotic/Wool Blend Batt \$ 20.00/ lb

YARNS- We do not spin 100% exotic fiber. We make the following yarns that we can custom process with your fiber. For best results your fiber ought to be less than 4 inches (10 cm) in length. There is a minimum of 20 lbs clean blended weight per color and type of yarn requested. The blending fibre is provided by Custom Woolen Mills and included in the final cost of the product. Our fine wool is usually Rambouillet wool from Alberta or Saskatchewan. We classify yarn weights according to the Craft Yarn Council's Yarn Standard. We make the following yarns:

1) Soft Spun Yarn - 3 or 6 strands of Alpaca, llama, or mohair fiber blended with a minimum 30% fine wool. We recommend a grade 3 or 4 alpaca/llama fiber or kid mohair. *Medium* to *Bulky* weight yarn according to the standard, with a very soft handle - excellent for Icelandic style knitting or as the weft in blanket weaving.

Wash, Card, and Spin Soft Spun Yarn \$ 29.00/ lb

2) Mule Spun Yarn - Alpaca, llama, or mohair fiber blended with a minimum 30% fine wool. We recommend grade 2, 3, or 4 alpaca or llama or kid or young adult mohair. We can also process 50% buffalo / 50% fine wool or 60% quiviut / 40% fine wool. *Superfine*, *Light*, and *Medium* weight yarns according to the standard.

Wash, Card, and Spin Single Strand Yarn *Superfine* \$ 31.00/ lb
Wash, Card, and Spin Two Ply Yarn *Light* \$ 33.50/ lb
Wash, Card, and Spin Three Ply Yarn *Medium* \$ 33.50/ lb

3) Lace Single Ply and Super Fine Two Ply Yarn - *Lace* and *Super Fine* weight yarns used for hand knitting detailed works and machine knitting.

70% Kid Mohair / 30% Fine Wool
70% Fine Wool / 30% Kid Mohair
60% Alpaca or Llama / 20% Nylon / 20% Fine Wool
70% Alpaca / 20% Fine Wool / 10% Kid Mohair

Wash, Card, and Spin Yarn *Lace* \$ 55.50/ lb
Wash, Card, and Spin Yarn *Superfine* \$ 55.50/ lb

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EXOTIC FIBRE WOOL BLEND COMFORTERS – Filled with exotic fibre quilting batts then covered with 100% Cotton Ticking, and stitched in a pattern unique to Custom Woolen Mills. Price includes washing, carding, fabric, and quilting.

Size	Approximate Dimensions		Fibre Weight	Finished Price
	cm	inches		Cotton Ticking
King	228 x 274 cm	88" x 108"	5.5 lbs	\$ 406.00
Queen	228 x 244 cm	88" x 96"	5.0 lbs	\$ 343.00
Large Double	228 x 203 cm	88" x 80"	4.0 lbs	\$ 309.00
Double	228 x 178 cm	88" x 70"	3.75 lbs	\$ 254.00
3/4 Twin	203 x 178 cm	80" x 70"	3.25 lbs	\$ 231.00
Single	203 x 158 cm	80" x 62"	3.0 lbs	\$ 221.00
Crib	152 x 114 cm	60" x 45"	1.5 lbs	\$ 124.00

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Survival Notes for Custom Processing

Please read all notes prior to sending your wool or fiber. If you are sending us exotic fiber (such as alpaca, llama, mohair, or buffalo) please note our *additional* instructions for exotic fiber processing and also refer to the exotic fiber price list.

Order Instructions

When ordering please be specific. Let us know exactly what you would like your wool processed into.

Make sure that your order instructions include detailed contact information (company name, your full name, address, phone number, email) so that we can reach you to discuss your order. There are some sample order instructions at the end of these notes for your reference.

Shipping Your Fiber

We do not pay postage and handling to and from the mill.

If you have more than one package (sack, box, bag etc.) please number the packages 1 of n, 2 of n, 3 of n, etc. where n is the total number of packages you are sending. If you have more than one processing lot, number the lots as well.

Put your order instructions in each package, and put your return address on each package.

If shipping by **regular post**, send your wool or fiber to:

Custom Woolen Mills
RR#1
Carstairs, Alberta
T0M 0N0
Canada
Phone: (403) 337-2221

If shipping by **courier**, send your wool or fiber to:

Custom Woolen Mills
30453 Range Road 27-2
Carstairs, AB
T0M 0N0
(403) 337-2221

Wool Length

For best results, your wool must be between 2" and 5" in length. If your wool is shorter or longer than this range, please contact us prior to sending your fibre to discuss the options.

Wool Type

In order to process on our machines, the fibre from some wool breeds (eg. Romney, Leicester, Iceland, Cotswold) must be blended with fine wool such as Merino or Rambouillet. The blending fibre is provided by Custom Woolen Mills and included in the final cost of the product. Our stock fine wool is usually Rambouillet wool from Alberta or Saskatchewan. We do not recommend lustrous wools for quilting into bedding and, should you wish to have quilts made with lustrous wools, they will need to be quilted with different fabric according to the exotic fibre processing price list.

Washing

Expect between 40% and 60% weight loss from your raw wool weight to the finished weight. This loss in weight is from removal of dirt, dust, barnyard waste, and grease from the fiber.

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Carding & Spinning

Batts - No minimum lot weight

Roping/Rovings - No minimum lot weight

All yarns - Minimum lot 20 lbs *clean* weight

Quilting - No minimum lot weight

We are willing to exchange with you if you do not have enough of your own wool for a product or if your fiber is unsuitable for a particular product.

Old Wool

We can refurbish old wool from comforters into batts or comforters again. Please remove the outer cover before sending the wool. The wool cannot be felted or matted; if you can pull it apart by hand, we can process it, if you cannot pull it apart by hand, we will not be able to process it.

Color Exchange

You can get your own natural colors processed. All dyed colors are exchanged (you don't necessarily get your own wool back on dyed colors).

Custom Sewing

You can supply your own batts or your own material or both. If you are sending your own material, we require cotton or cotton blend woven materials with a thread count between 180 and 200. We cannot sew knits and stretchy materials. Be sure to supply enough material for the top and bottom. The price for a custom size will be that of the next larger size.

You Pay Only for the Finished Product

Our Custom Processing Prices are based on your finished product and the finished weight. All processing is included. For example, if you send raw wool and want it processed into quilts, you will pay per finished quilt (you don't have to pay individually the steps of washing, carding, and quilting) and if you order rovings, you will pay per pound of finished rovings you receive.

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Additional Instructions for Exotic Fiber Processing

We custom produce the following exotic fiber/wool blends.

Roping or Batts: We can process 100% exotic fibre into rovings or batting, or we can blend with wool or other fibres. We can provide fine white wool for blending with.

Yarns: We cannot process 100% exotic fibre yarns - we always require that a minimum of 30% fine wool, or 20% fine wool and 20% nylon be blended in for making yarns. We can provide the fine blending wool and nylon. Below are some common blends that we make

- 70% Fine Wool / 30% Kid Mohair
- 70% Mohair / 30% Fine Wool
- 70% Alpaca / 30% Fine Wool
- 60% Alpaca / 20% Fine Wool / 20% Nylon
- 50% Buffalo / 50% Fine Wool

- Fiber length must be less than 5 inches (13 cm). For best results, fibre should be in the 3 to 4 inch range.
- With exotic fibers, expect a 20% weight loss in the washing process.
- For Roping or Batts, there is no minimum lot weight requirement.
- For Yarns there is a minimum lot weight of 14 lbs **clean** exotic fiber per lot. The fiber will be blended with fine wool to bring the total weight to 20lbs per lot.

Why Blend with Wool?

Alpaca, Llama and Mohair are wonderful fibers with some appealing advantages - so why not use 100% of a good thing?

100% of the good qualities of an exotic fiber does not make up for the characteristics it lacks. Wool has "Resilience" or "Elasticity" - a characteristic that helps it withstand the stress of manufacturing and lets it hold its shape as an end product. Blending wool in with exotic fibres provides elasticity to assist it through our processing and enhance structure in the finished product - this results in a more consistent, higher quality end product.

SAMPLE 1 of instructions included with a bag of wool:

North Pole Farm Bag: 1 of 7 in shipment
Sarah Clause
Box 387
North Pole
H0H 0H0
Canada
403-337-2221
sarah@northpole.com

Lot 1: White Romney Wool Bag: 1 of 6 in lot

Lot Instructions: Please process into minimum batch of 2-ply yarn, any remaining clean weight please process into rovings.

SAMPLE 2 of instructions included with a bag of wool:

North Pole Farm Bag: 7 of 7 in shipment
Sarah Clause
Box 387
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Lot 2: Grey Suffolk Wool Bag: 1 of 1 in lot

Lot Instructions: Please process into batting.