

THE NATURAL FIBRE COMPANY



FIBRE PROCESSING, VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICE LIST

May 2017 update

| Prices are all £ (GBP) per finished kilogram unless otherwise stated Please see overleaf for explanatory notes | | | Non organic ↓ | Herdwick and Organic ↓ |
|---|---------|---------|------------------|---------------------------|
| One-off charges (as applicable) | | | | |
| Carriage in (per sack, see over for options) | | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Carriage out, (as above) | | | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| Additional, alpaca and colour sorting (if necessary) – on incoming weight | | | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| Fibre preparation prices (minimum 10kg incoming weight) | | | | |
| Additional Combing / De-hairing – on weight processed | | | 11.00 | 13.00 |
| Scour and card only to rovings finished in loose coil in a bag – on incoming weight | | | 12.50 | 14.50 |
| Additional blending for mixed colour batches – on weight processed | | | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Chopping long fibres (if necessary) – on weight processed | | | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| Spinning charged on returned weight of yarn (minimum 20kg incoming weight) | | | | |
| *Yarns available worsted spun only | Woollen | Worsted | Woollen | Worsted |
| Very Fine hand-knitting (Laceweight/12NM+), plied | n/a | 50.00 | n/a | 52.00 |
| Fine singles yarns 7NM to 12NM, not plied | n/a | 44.00 | n/a | 46.00 |
| **Yarns available woollen spun OR worsted spun | Woollen | Worsted | Woollen | Worsted |
| #Spinning to Standard weight yarns, 3NM to 7NM, plied | 33.00 | 43.00 | 36.00 | 45.00 |
| Singles Standard weight yarns 3NM to 7NM, yarn not plied | 28.00 | 38.00 | 31.00 | 40.00 |
| Optional extras (on gross weight of finished yarn, including cones where used) | | | | |
| c.106g/212g weighed oiled skeins | | | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| Unweighed c.100g-500g washed skeins (not twisted) | | | 6.50 | 6.50 |
| Washed on cone | | | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Washed and balled, c.50g balls (50p per kg less for c.100g) or 100g skeins, 4kg min. | | | 9.00 | 9.00 |
| Adding ball bands (standard ball bands) or hand twisting skeins | | | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Basic ball band design/colour printing (minor alterations by arrangement) per hour | | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Dyeing standard colours (4kg minimum per colour) | | | 14.00 | 14.00 |

***Worsted spun:** sorting, scouring, blending, **combing**, **worsted** spinning and plying, finishing to unweighed oiled cone/skein

****Woollen spun:** sorting, scouring, blending, **carding**, **woollen** spinning and plying, finishing to unweighed oiled cone/skein

#Standard yarn weights are 4-ply (14YSW, 7NM), DK (12YSW, 6NM), Aran (8 ½ YSW, 4.25NM) and Chunky (6 YSW, 3NM). Batches may also be split between two adjacent specifications and plied: so we make a DK yarn by plying 3 single yarns and can also make a slightly thicker 4-ply yarn by plying the same singles only twice. We can also match a specification from a yarn sample, if required, and the price will be according to whether it is Standard or Fine.

PLEASE NOTE:

- We do not dispatch finished goods until full payment has been received.
- We **charge £40** (£33.33 plus VAT) for marls and per split for any splitting of batches beyond one, and **£15** (£12.50 plus VAT) for splitting all dye batches.
- We also charge £60 (£50 plus VAT) for late order changes.
- Please contact us to discuss other yarn specifications (finer, thicker, 4- or 5- ply, etc.), ball band designs, etc.
- Storage will be charged at £15 per sack per month, plus VAT, on all goods stored by us beyond 30 days from date of invoice and also on goods stored without receipt of an order 30 days after arrival. Storage of organic goods, bales and pallets will be charged by arrangement.
- We currently charge interest on late payment at 5% over Bank of Scotland base rate.



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Prices:

- All prices overleaf are quoted **exclusive of VAT**, which will be applied at the current rate to all invoices where VAT applies.
- Carriage of goods to and from our premises can be expensive! Please see below for other options.
- We issue free sacks to pack for sending fibre to us. Clean new sacks are supplied free for the return of finished products. Wool sent from outside the UK must be in waterproof sacks and then packed into our sacks.
- Prices shown are based on the minimum quantity accepted for processing.
- Discounts apply for amounts greater than 40 kg, provided that they constitute a single batch, and also for repeat customers (5% on every 5th order).
- Fibre preparation charges are made on the incoming or processed weight, as specified.
- Spinning and Finishing/Optional Extras prices are for the total weight of returned yarn, including cones where used.
- Spinning Prices include return of yarn as oiled on cone or oiled hanks, not individually weighed; please see Finishing and Optional Extras for other finishes.
- Additional charges may be made to cover costs incurred by us in fulfilling an order (e.g. extra preparation work or adding fibre to enable us to process). We will discuss these with you if necessary.

Bags, batches and weight

- Our pre-addressed bags are designed to take around 16kg of wool (they will take more alpaca and mohair).
- Our minimum order quantity for spinning is 20kg, and you should find that you can get this amount into two of our bags.
- Please ensure that you do not put more than 25kg into a bag, as this is the maximum permitted for health and safety, both for us and for our couriers.
- Please ensure that the sacks do not exceed the following dimensions: length and girth combined must not exceed 3 metres, the length must not exceed 1.5 metres and the sack must not be over 30kg in weight, any additional charges made by our couriers for oversized sacks will be passed back to you.
- Please remember our carriers charge by the bag, so it will be cheaper for you to get them as full as possible.
- Please ensure the bags are well sealed, preferably sewn up or closed with a cable tie. It is important to ensure labels stay with each bag, so **please use the plastic label tags** we supply with the sacks, as the polypropylene sacks tend to lose sticky labels in transit, which can result in the carriers losing them temporarily or even permanently.
- It is generally cheaper to use pallet transport for more than 4 sacks/boxes, please contact us to discuss; we always send back by the cheapest option.

Fleece: quality and quantity

- Please note that vegetation, dags, fleece that has been damp or stored for several years, and matted fleece will be removed when we sort your fleece. This may result in a low weight surcharge as well as disposal charges. Disposal is charged at £10 per kilogram if the reject weight is above 15% of incoming weight.
- Please also note that we summarily dispose of fibre affected with moths, maggots or other “nasties” which not only spoil your own fleece but can affect the rest of our customers’ fleece.
- If you are unable to send us a full 20kg, you could consider saving fleece (up to three years is usually okay if stored cool and dry), or on request we can add appropriate/similar fleece to make up the weight.
- If the weight of dry, scoured fibre is below 15kg, we will contact you to discuss options. You may supply more fibre if you have it, pay for the part processed fibre and have it returned until you have more, or have it processed when we will charge for a minimum output of 12kg if woollen spun and 10kg if worsted spun.

Couriers and costs

- Our couriers charge by the bag: for orders using more than 4 sacks, pallet transport will often be cheaper. Contact us if you have more than 60kg to be processed.

Order and Compliance Forms and other information

We want to get things right but fibre processing is quite technical! Please see our separate information sheets on Shearing Quality, the Completion of Order Forms, our Processes and also types and specifications of yarns. We aim to provide you with a quality service and the products you and your customers will desire made from your own fibre.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you need advice or help, as talking about fibre and processing is our passion!