

THE NATURAL FIBRE COMPANY



FIBRE PROCESSING, VAT INCLUSIVE PRICE LIST

For orders placed from 1st April, 2018

Prices are all £ (GBP) per <i>finished</i> kilogram unless otherwise stated <i>Please see below and overleaf for explanatory notes</i>	Non organic wool, mohair and alpaca	
	Woollen	Worsted
Single yarns, only suitable for weaving or machine knitting, oiled on cone or large skeins		
Fine single yarns, not plied	n/a	57.00
Standard weight single yarns, not plied	35.40	48.00
Plied yarns, suitable for knitting, crochet, weaving, machine knitting, oiled on cone or large skeins	Woollen	Worsted
Fine hand-knitting, Laceweight, plied	n/a	66.00
Standard weight hand-knitting yarns, from 4-ply to chunky, plied	41.40	54.60
Finishing options for standard weight plied yarns (<i>inclusive of spinning</i>)	Woollen	Worsted
c.106g/212g weighed oiled skeins	51.00	64.20
Unweighed c.100g-500g washed skeins (not twisted)	49.80	63.00
Washed on cone	50.40	63.60
Washed and balled, c.50g balls (50p per kg less for c.100g) or 100g skeins, 4kg minimum	53.40	66.60
Added ball bands (standard ball bands) or 100g hand twisted skeins	62.40	75.60
Hand twisted 100g skeins with ball bands	71.40	84.60
Optional extras		
Basic ball band design/colour printing (minor alterations by arrangement) <i>per hour</i>		51.00
Dyeing (6kg minimum per colour) – <i>on dyed weight</i>		16.80
Dye colour matching, <i>per shade</i>		60.00
Additional, alpaca and colour sorting (if necessary) – <i>on incoming weight</i>		7.20
Additional Combing / De-hairing – <i>on weight processed</i>		14.10
Scour and card only to rovings finished in loose coil in a bag – <i>on incoming weight</i>		15.90
Additional blending for mixed colour batches – <i>on weight processed</i>		4.50
Chopping long fibres (if necessary) – <i>on weight processed</i>		3.30
Basic carriage costs (per sack, see over for options)		
Carriage in		36.00
Carriage out		24.00

Explanatory notes on spun yarns and finishing including yarn specifications (YSW for woollen spun and NM for worsted spun):

- **Worsted spun:** includes sorting, scouring, blending, **combing**, **worsted** spinning and plying, finishing to unweighed oiled cone/skein
- **Woollen spun:** includes sorting, scouring, blending, **carding**, **woollen** spinning and plying, finishing to unweighed oiled cone/skein
- **Standard yarn weights** are 4-ply (c.2/12YSW, c.2/6NM), DK (c.3/12YSW, c.3/6NM), Light Aran (c. 3/10YSW, c. 3/5NM), Aran (c.3/8.5YSW, c.3/4.3NM) and Chunky (c.3/6YSW, c.3/3NM)
- **Fine yarns** are laceweight (c. 2/11NM) or other yarns 12-19 NM, only available as worsted spun
- Please contact us to discuss other yarn specifications (finer, thicker, 4- or 5- ply, etc.), ball band designs, etc.
- **50g skeins:** are £15 (£18 including VAT) which is double the 100g price because they take twice as long
- **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 spun natural fibre yarn sample, if required, and the price will be according to whether it is Standard or Fine (please note this does not work for matching artificial fibres)
- **Organic wool** and **Herdwick** are processed separately; spun yarn and finished yarn prices are £2.40 per kilogram more than those shown above to cover additional costs – please ensure you are on our contact lists for these options so that we can notify you of processing times

PLEASE NOTE:

- Your invoice will be for the total amount due, and then your First Stage Payment, where applicable, is deducted
- We do not dispatch finished goods until full payment has been received
- We currently charge interest on late payment at 5% over Bank of Scotland base rate
- If you have problems with payment please contact us as soon as possible to discuss options

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Prices:

- All prices overleaf are quoted **inclusive of VAT**, which will be applied at the current rate to all invoices where VAT applies.
- 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).
- 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 first in waterproof sacks and then packed into our sacks or boxes. Please check with us on any necessary compliance required for imports.
- Spinning and Finishing/Optional Extras prices are for the total weight of returned yarn, including cones where used.
- We make **one-off charges** of £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 a **late order change**, where it is possible.
- **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.
- Fibre preparation charges are made on the incoming or processed weight, as specified.
- 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, weights and carriage costs

- Our pre-addressed bags are designed to take around 16kg of wool (they take more lustre wool, 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 3-4 sacks/boxes: if you have more than 60kg of fleece, 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 & Vat 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.

Order and Compliance Forms and other information

We want to get things right and 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!