



WEST  
YORKSHIRE  
SPINNERS

# A QUICK INTRO

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**Situated in the original home of the British worsted spinning industry, we create beautiful yarns with care, innovation and expertise. Spun in Yorkshire, our award-winning collections are designed to excite and inspire our worldwide community of crafters.**

Founded in 1997, we have grown from commission spinning hand knitting yarns for some of the biggest names on the market to launching our own brand in 2012.

We pride ourselves on our process, our craft and our attention to detail. We are passionate about keeping this skill set and manufacturing heritage alive in the UK.



# GETTING CREATIVE

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Since the brand's launch in 2012 we have been carefully building our range of innovative products to excite and enthuse our customers.

Having our own in-house production facilities allows us to create products which are truly unique. We develop yarns with a superior technical specification that really sets us apart from the competition.

We love nothing more than developing new collections and colours all under one roof. From the initial concept, right through to selecting colours and designs, everything is underpinned by creativity and excellence.

Seeing our ideas come to fruition, and more importantly, seeing them in the hands of the consumer, really drives and excites us.





# FOCUS ON FIBRE



# BRITISH WOOL

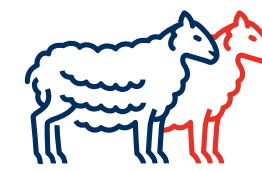
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We are on a continued mission to educate crafters about the virtues of British wool. We firmly believe that knowing where our raw material comes from guarantees the quality of the finished product is consistently high.



*“Wool is not only one of the oldest fibres known to mankind, it is also one of the most beneficial.”*

**His Royal Highness The King of England**



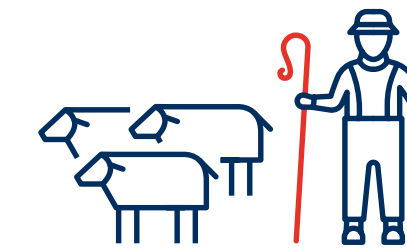
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There are over **60 different breeds** of sheep in the UK.



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All UK wool comes from **non-mulesed sheep**.



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The average flock size in the UK is relatively small with between **250 and 300 sheep**.



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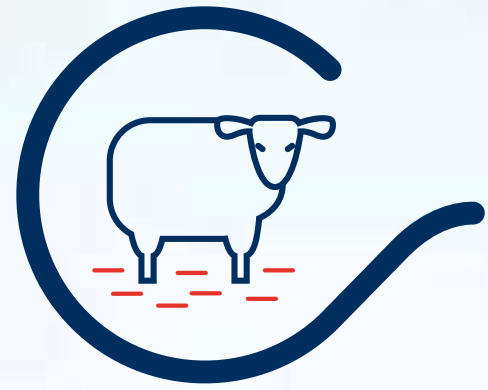
British wool is used in a **diverse range of applications**.

# THE BENEFITS OF BRITISH WOOL

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Focus on Fibre



KIND TO  
ANIMALS



ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY



QUALITY  
ASSURED



TRACEABILITY



SOCIALLY  
RESPONSIBLE



NON-MULESED  
WOOL



# OUR EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP

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Founded by the Smith family of Shetland, Jamieson & Smith have been around since the 1930s. In 2004, the Smith family retired and J&S joined with Curtis Wool Direct in Yorkshire. J&S continues to be staffed by Shetlanders and remains a stand-alone company. **The profits received from the sale of real Shetland wool and real Shetland wool products go back into the Shetland economy and are passed on to the wool producer.**

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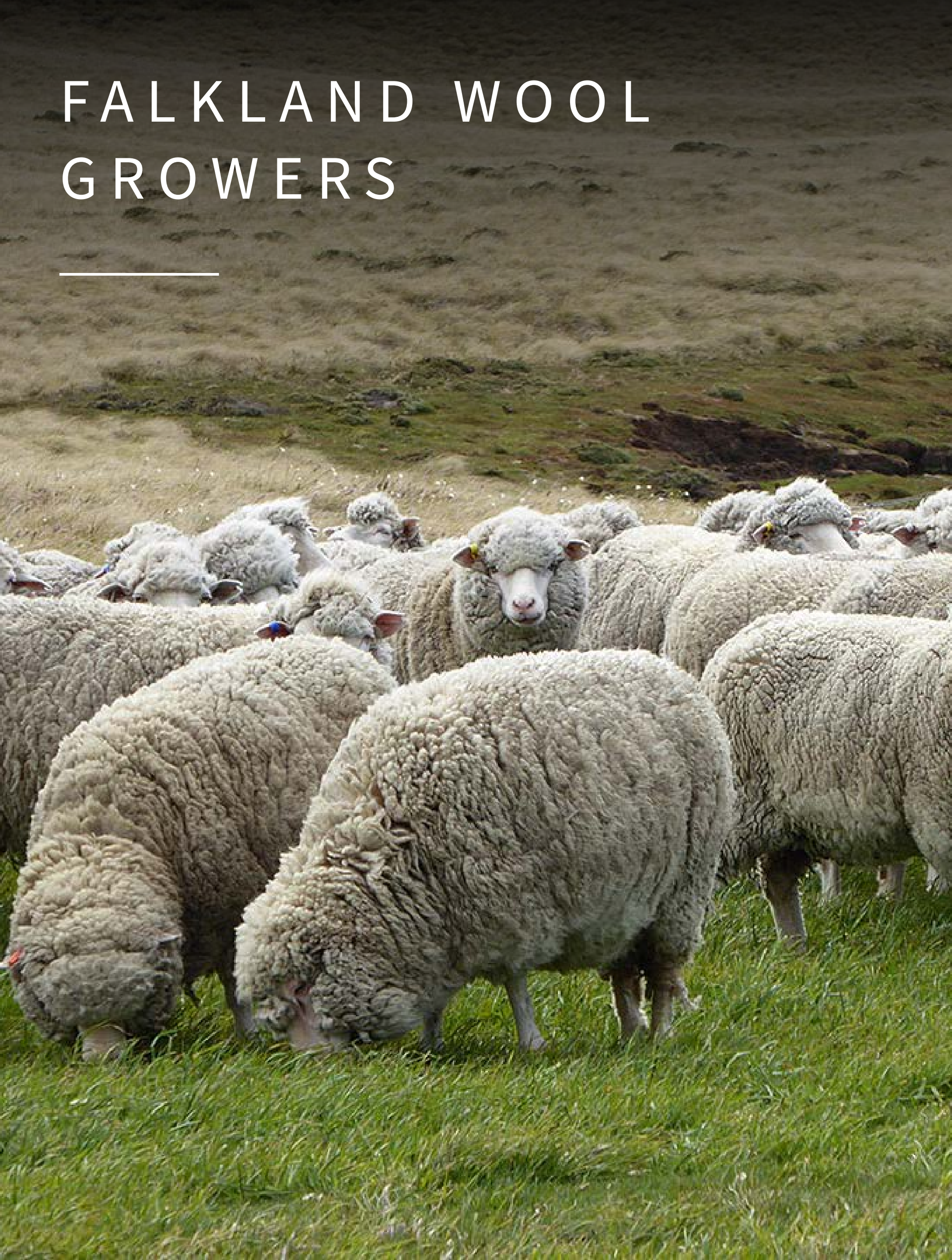
**Jamieson & Smith purchase Shetland wool from over 700 of Shetland's crofters and farmers which is over 80% of the wool produced in Shetland.** This plays an important part in sustaining Shetland's fragile crofting industry, as well as their textiles industry and heritage.

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**Shetland wool is an incredibly natural and sustainable fibre, and is world renowned for its fineness and warmth.** Shetland sheep graze on the islands' hills and beaches eating wild heather and seaweed. This diet, along with the not-so-great weather, makes Shetland wool soft, strong and warm. Shetland Wool is also very diverse – it's perfect for hand-knitting.

# FALKLAND WOOL GROWERS

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Sheep farming for the production of high-quality wool has been the main form of **agriculture in the Falkland Islands for over 170 years.**

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All Falkland wool is **fully traceable** from the dedicated wool growers.

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The Falkland Islands enjoys a beautiful environment for rearing sheep for ‘snow-white’ wool production. With an extensive rangeland farming system, beaches and cliff-lined coasts, it is **home to 80 sheep farms and abundant wildlife.**



# TENCEL™ LYOCELL

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TENCEL™ lyocell fibres are produced by environmentally responsible processes and sourced from sustainably managed forests. **It is fully traceable.**

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TENCEL™ lyocell is certified as biodegradable and compostable, making the fibre **fully revertible back to nature.**

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TENCEL™ lyocell boasts many properties which perfectly complement wool. It is soft and smooth to the touch with a luxurious sheen and flattering drape, with **great strength, natural breathability and gentleness against the skin.**

# OUR FLOCK

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**Bluefaced Leicester**

Luxuriously soft

Crème de la crème of British Wool

Superior handle and stitch definition



**Jacob**

Warm and durable

Light, soft and springy fleece

Natural colours within the fleece

# OUR FLOCK

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**Shetland**

Soft and silky handle

Natural and sustainable fibre

Warm and hard-wearing



**Falkland**

Long fibres – great for spinning

Pure, soft white fleece

Supports Falkland farmers

# ALL TYPES OF BRITISH WOOL

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**Ryeland**  
Fine Wool



**Romney**  
Medium Wool



**Wensleydale**  
Cross-Bred Wool



**Bluefaced Leicester**  
Lustre Wool



**Rough Fell**  
Mountain Wool



**Herdwick**  
Naturally Coloured Wool

Type	Breed Examples
Fine/Speciality	Suffolk, Oxford, Hampshire, Dorset etc Downland Breeds
Medium	Halfbreds – Texel / Lleyn etc Border Leicester
Cross & Lustre	Mules Devon, Lincoln, Cotswold, Wensleydale
Hill	Radnor , Beulah, Lonk Cheviots, Derbyshire Gritstone
Mountain	Scottish Blackface, Swaledale, Welsh, Rough Fell
Lamb	Hill & Mountain Fine & Medium

# OUR PROCESS UNRAVELLED

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## Stage 1 : Rearing

WYS production begins on the fells and hillsides of Great Britain. The finest breeds are picked to ensure a high-quality finished product. The untreated fleeces are sent to Bradford where they are scoured, carded, combed and finally delivered to WYS in top condition.



# OUR PROCESS UNRAVELLED

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## Stage 2 : Drawing

Our first operation is to prepare the raw material. This is called drawing. The raw material passes through pins on a number of machines (similar to combing your hair) to straighten the fibres so they are parallel and even. At WYS we have four operations of drawing. After the final passage we have reduced the wool to suitable weight for the spinning machine.



# OUR PROCESS UNRAVELLED

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## Stage 3 : Spinning

Spinning has been performed for centuries using the same basic principle. At WYS we produce thousands of kilos per week using sophisticated, high-tech machinery. The purpose of spinning is to reduce the thickness of the wool.

To achieve this, the fibres are drafted out to produce a single yarn of suitable thickness.



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## Stage 4 : Winding

After spinning we wind the yarn onto cones removing any imperfections such as thick and uneven areas or vegetable matter.

The next process is folding which involves twisting single spun yarns together to make different categories of wool for example 4ply and DK.





# OUR PROCESS UNRAVELLED

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## Stage 5 : Dyeing

Our in-house laboratory and specialised yarn dyeing facility gives us the luxury of being able to develop our own colours and quickly react to changing trends in the market. Our environmentally conscious process allow up to six colours to be applied to the yarn.



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## Stage 6 : Finishing

The finishing stage is where yarn is balled or reeled into hanks. It is then passed to our warehouse where it is banded and packed in to boxes ready for distribution to our worldwide community of crafters.



# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

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## Elements

Naturally light and luxurious, Elements DK is a sophisticated yarn in shades inspired by the joyful hues of summer.

This sustainable yarn has been created with the environment in mind and uses a naturally harmonious blend of Falkland Islands wool and TENCEL™ Lyocell harvested from sustainably managed wood sources, which are biodegradable and fully compostable.

The yarn creates a super-soft breathable fabric with graceful drape and superb sheen, making it a fantastic choice for summer tops, cardigans and sweaters. Elements DK also enhances lace, colourwork and textures beautifully.

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## EXQUISITE

### Available in Lace & 4ply

The superb Exquisite is an exceptional luxury yarn made with 80% Falkland wool spun from sustainable fleece, and 20% high-quality Mulberry silk.

The gentle twist and beautiful sheen produces an outstanding fabric for lace work, with the softness and drape creating plenty of elegance for lightweight garments that can be worn in all seasons.

Make beautiful flowing shawls or graceful cardigans in a selection of sophisticated shades that range from opulent jewel tones to restful natural hues.

This yarn is truly exquisite to knit with and truly exquisite to wear.

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

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## FLEECE

### Bluefaced Leicester

#### Available in Aran & DK

A soft and silky yarn made with 100% Bluefaced Leicester in a range of evocative, natural, undyed shades, as well as beautiful rich tonal hues, each of which depict the depth and captivating colours of the countryside that surround us here in the heart of Yorkshire.

The excellent stitch definition and high-quality nature of this wool can be displayed across all styles of knitting from intricate cables and colourwork to simple lace and stocking stitch.

This yarn really is one of the finest in Britain – wool at its purest and a superb example of the incredible quality of British fleece. Show off its lustrous finish and beautiful drape on sweaters, shawls and more.

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## FLEECE

Jacob

### Available in Aran & DK

This sustainable wool is spun from natural-coloured Jacob fleece in tones of grey, brown/black and ecru, to bring a distinctive earthy quality to your projects.

Jacob fibres offer incredible stitch definition that allow cables, textures and Fair Isle to shine, and, dating back centuries, this British fleece also brings plenty of rural heritage to every stitch.

The wool is ideal for outdoor garments, sweaters and blankets that will keep you warm year after year, season after season. Lofty, cosy and beautifully hard wearing, Jacob DK yarn is British wool at its best.

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## Pure

Made using fully traceable, sustainable fleece from Falkland Islands sheep, this 100% pure wool yarn is breathable, temperature-regulating and truly luxurious.

Extremely versatile, Pure can be used to create stunning garments, such as women's sweaters and cardigans, and it's also perfect for blankets and other treasured homeware items. If making for a little one, they will always be comfortable, whether they're wrapped up warm in an heirloom blanket or adventuring outdoors in their new favourite hat.

The handle on Pure DK is truly irresistible with a beautifully soft, smooth finish and a plush cosy feel for fantastic makes with a luxury twist. This hand-wash yarn is available in a range of classic shades.

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## Bo peep

The superb Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK is a delicate yet durable baby yarn that's perfect for young adventurers who love to explore, get messy and enjoy a little rough and tumble.

The yarn is made using pure Falklands wool with added nylon for strength, and because it's machine washable up to 40°C, projects will be able to handle a few spills too.

Mix and match the fun colour palette of solid shades and playful prints to create jumpers, hats, dresses and toys that will be cherished for years to come.



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## THE CROFT

Available in DK, Aran & Aran Roving

This captivating yarn is inspired by the landscape, culture and rich heritage of the Shetland Islands. Produced in association with Jamieson & Smith of Shetland and using 100% British Shetland fleece, the yarn has a soft, silky handle, as well as plenty of warmth and strength for garments, accessories and more.

Each beautiful shade is named after towns and villages across the islands. The Croft is perfect for creating textures and cables for sweaters, accessories and blankets that will stand the test of time.

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

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100% BLUEFACED KERRY HILL

## RE:TREAT

### Available in Chunky Roving & Super Chunky Roving

This luxurious yarn has all the great natural qualities of roving with a delicate twist and gentle halo, ideal for creating beautiful knitting and crochet. Made with 100% British Bluefaced Kerry Hill fleece (a cross-breed of Bluefaced Leicester), Retreat was developed with wellbeing in mind, and has been spun with skill and care to offer a wool that is soft, silky and a treat to wear. Use it to create luxury sweaters, cardigans, hats and scarves, or make beautiful blankets, throws and cushion covers for your home. A real pleasure to craft with, this yarn is available in gloriously uplifting, gentle and harmonious shades.

For every ball of Retreat Chunky Roving sold, West Yorkshire Spinners makes a donation to the mental-health charity, Mind.

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## ColourLab

### Available in Aran & DK

Bring fabulous colour to your knitted and crocheted projects with this machine-washable yarn made using 100% British wool.

Available in a fantastic selection of solid, self-striping and tweed shades – from bright and bold to classic and neutral, there is plenty to play with for Fair Isle, intarsia, stripes, colour block and beyond!

Ideal for everyday garments and accessories, ColourLab is warm, easy to wear and lovely to craft with, offering excellent stitch definition for a crisp finish that makes each colour pop. ColourLab is spun in Yorkshire using fleece from sheep reared and sheared in the UK.

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4 PLY

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SPARKLE 4 PLY

An alluring, award-winning 4ply yarn with gorgeous handle, durability and stitch definition. This 75% wool 4ply yarn is blended with nylon for added strength, making it perfect for socks. In fact, it's loved by sock knitters and shawl makers worldwide.

Our unique blend contains 35% luxurious Bluefaced Leicester, an elegant and ancient British breed, which produces semi-lustrous, gorgeously soft fleece. Available in an array of stunning solid colours and self-stripping prints, this is one of the most sumptuous 4ply yarns on the market.



































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