

Fiber Processing Options and Prices

At Stacey's Spinning Haven (SSH), our goal is to provide you with the best product for your fiber. We have tried to provide guidance for you to understand the processes and associated operations available at SSH. Our passion is going from the animal to the final product to include hand spinning, knitting, crochet, weaving, felting and have been a fiber artist since 2013 so we understand what a potential customer may be looking for.

Because there are so many options and paths for fiber to take within the mill, we have broken each process out for you to make these decisions easier.

Please read each of the steps carefully to determine which options you want to select on your <u>Order Form</u>. Each process is described, along with the associated price, so you can make the best decision for your fiber. Feel free to **contact us** for additional information or questions.

Before sending fiber: CHECK LIST

- Have you contacted Stacey's Spinning Haven for availability?
 - We do not have the capacity to store fiber and therefore request that you contact us to schedule an appointment for drop off or shipping. The appointment will reserve a slot for you in the production line. You will be contacted 1 month prior to your slot giving you plenty of time to decide to deliver your fiber. To be fair to all customers please do not request a reservation unless you intend to use it.
- Is your fleece skirted?
 - NO hoof, no tags and as little vegetation as possible, i.e., don't put anything in the bag that you don't want back in your roving or yarn. Just because you bought a fleece pre skirted does not mean it is fine, please check it!
 - We reserve the right to reject fiber not suitable for processing
 - Extra charge \$20/30 minutes per fleece may be added if we must skirt the fleece
- Do you have a complete order form in each bag of fleece you are sending for processing?
 - Each bag must have a separate completed order form (<u>ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT IT)</u>
 - Please deliver your fiber in clear plastic bags, loosely tied or twisted. If you are shipping
 your fiber, it is recommended that you use a vacuum to remove the air and pack tighter,
 saving you in shipping costs.

<u>Upon receipt</u>, your fiber will be weighed, and logged (processing is on a first come first serve basis and will not be started until a 50% deposit has been received). A production estimate will be created based on the incoming weight (fees charged at ¼ lb. increments) and options selected and will be emailed to you, requesting approval and a 50% deposit to begin production. Upon completion of your order, we will notify you of the total charges (processing fees plus tax). We accept cash, personal checks, money orders, PayPal, and accept Visa and MasterCard. No fiber will be shipped without full payment



Pricing

<u>Incoming Weight</u>: All pricing is based on Incoming Weight per batch and are charged at ¼ lb. increments. There is No minimum weight for washing or carding, but the minimum charge is for 1 pound.

<u>Washing</u>: All incoming fiber will be WASHED by SSH. This step is important and to ensure consistent quality in the final product. Fiber receives 1-2 wash cycles and 2-3 rinse cycles using earth friendly products.

- For those who want to wash their fiber first in order to reduce weight and save on shipping, to reduce
 cost, can be done providing you wash your fiber at the proper temperature. Depending on your fiber type
 and soap, most home water heaters cannot reach the necessary temperatures and you will have to
 supplement with heated water.
- **Contact** us to discuss your washing process. Once in the mill, we will utilize a short wash/rinse in order to fully remove any remaining soap or oils.

Most Wools, Alpaca, Mohair \$8/lb.
Fine wools: add \$3/lb.

(Fine wools usually, but not limited to, Merino, Rambouillet, Columbia, Baby Doll, Cormo, CVM and some Shetlands)

<u>Picking/Opening</u>: (Price includes washing, picking) Regardless of your final product, all fiber goes through the Picker which removes any tangles and opens the individual locks. Blending of fibers may begin here. The washing process removes oils, so conditioning agents are put back into the fiber to reduce static and improve its ability to process through the equipment. SSH monitors the amount of conditioner, which is based on fleece weight.

Picking \$12/lb.

<u>Carding</u>: (Price includes washing, picking, & carding) The carder is the heart of the mill. It aligns the individual fiber strands to produce roving and batts that may be used as final products or go on to subsequent steps.

Blending – The weight of any added blending fibers we supply will be added to the incoming weight (silk, merino, nylon, bamboo, etc.). If you want the fallout from the carding process returned to you, please indicate this on the note section of the Order Form.

Roving \$20/lb. Bumps \$22/lb. Batts \$20/lb.

Fine wools: add \$3/lb.

Blending: silk, merino, nylon, bamboo, etc. \$2/lb.

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<u>Spinning</u> – (Price includes washing, picking, carding and the 5 – steps spinning process below) Minimum weight charged is for 3 pounds. We will spin less, but the charge will be for 3 pounds.

- **Drawframe:** Several roving's pass through the drawframe at once and, with a brushing action, the drawframe further aligns the fibers. Roving's may pass through two or more times to blend and lengthen. Each successive pass through the drawframe averages any thick or thin sections to create a more uniform roving for spinning. Depending on your blending requirements, additional passes may be required, and additional charges may apply.
- **Spinning:** The Spinner takes roving that has been through the drawframe and spins it into single strands. The thickness of the strand produced depends on the desired yarn weight, i.e., finger, sport, worsted, bulky.
- **Plying:** The Plyer combines singles from the spinner together to create 2, 3 or 4 ply yarn.
- **Finishing:** In the finishing process we wash, and air dry your skeins to remove conditioners and oils that accumulate during processing.
- Skeining: Currently SSH only offers customers to receive their yarn back as a skein.
 - Our skein are 200 yards and have been tied with cotton string in 3-4 spots on the skein
 - O Custom lengths and weights are available upon request for an additional fee of \$2/lb.
 - o If the order form does not specify yardage, we will do 200 yards

Lace Yarn (approx. 2100 yrd/lb): \$40.00/lb.

Sport Yarn (approx. 1350 yrd/lb): \$36.00/lb.

DK Yarn (approx.1100 yrd/lb): \$34.00/lb.

Worsted Yarn (approx. 900 yrd/lb): \$32.00/lb. Bulky Yarn (approx. 500yrd/lb): \$30.00/lb.

Rug Yarn: Core Spun (approx. 100 yrds/lb): \$22.00/lb.

Custom Skeining (specific weight or yardage must be noted on order form): \$2/lb.

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NO FIBER WILL BE SHIPPED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT

Deposit: Upon receipt of your fiber, it will be weighed and logged, and a production estimate is determined based on incoming weight, and options selected. **SSH** will then contact you to verify your request. **A 50% deposit is due** at that time.

Payment: Upon completion, an invoice will be sent, and payment is due. We accept *cash*, *checks*, *money orders*, *Venmo*, *PayPal and credit cards*.

Shipment or Pickup: Orders are shipped when paid in full. Insurance on orders mailed/shipped is included only upon request by the customer. International shipping must be arranged by the customer.

Please note: Outstanding accounts will be assessed a 5% charge on any balance due over 30 days and for each additional 30-day period the account goes unpaid.

Fiber/yarn from accounts unpaid after 90 days of notification will become the property of Stacey's Spinning Haven. All prices are subject to change without given notice.

A 6% service tax will be applied to all processing cost