

Producer-to-Crafter Contest

From the Shepherd's Flock to the Maker's Hands

National Make It With Wool invites fiber producers and makers to celebrate the journey from farm or ranch to finished work through the Producer-to-Crafter Contest.

Sponsored by **RE Synergy, Belfast Mini Mills, and The Sheepwalk Ranch**, this contest honors both sides of the creative partnership: the producer who raises the fiber and the crafter who transforms it. The winning producer and winning crafter will each receive a cash prize.

Entry Deadline

All entries must be postmarked by **December 5, 2026**.

The winner will be announced during the **first week of January 2027**, in advance of the National Make It With Wool Contest.

Project Requirements

- Contestants may submit a fiber-art project of their choice.
- The project must demonstrate traceability from the fiber producer to the finished piece.
- The primary fiber must be sourced directly from a farm or ranch located in the contestant's home state.
- Projects must be made from wool-producing animal fibers, including sheep's wool, mohair, alpaca, llama, or a blend of these fibers.
- Some fiber-art techniques require supporting materials, such as a cotton warp, silk, or other natural fibers. These materials are permitted when necessary for construction or design but may comprise no more than ****30% of the finished project****. At least ****70% of the project must consist of qualifying animal fiber****.
- Designs do not have to be original. If a published or purchased pattern was used, the designer and pattern source must be credited on the application.

Producer Information

Applicants must provide the complete name and contact information for the farm or ranch that supplied the fiber:

- Producer's full name
- Farm or ranch name
- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Email address

Example:

John Doe
Doe Wool Farm
123 Sheepy Lane
Woolworks, TX 12345
111-222-3333
doewoolfarm@ihaveemail.com

Please verify this information carefully. It will be used to confirm the project's traceability and to contact the producer if the entry is selected.

Document Your Journey

We encourage contestants to document the journey of their project—from choosing the farm-raised fiber through preparing, designing, and crafting the finished piece. Photographs, notes, samples, and other records can help you explain:

- * Where your fiber originated
- * Why you selected that particular fiber
- * How the fiber was prepared
- * The techniques used to create the piece
- * Your inspiration and design concept
- * The relationship between the producer, the fiber, and the finished work

This is more than a finished-project contest. It is a celebration of the connection between the animals, the people who raise them, and the makers who carry their fiber forward.