



Jubilee Edition

At last...British Wool!

weaversbazaar introduces a 100% british worsted wool Jubilee Yarn!



For sometime we have been asked to provide a 100% british worsted yarn for weavers, dyers and other makers. The challenges faced by the British Wool Industry over the past five decades or so – the growth in popularity of synthetic fibres reducing wool production, the devastating outbreaks of foot and mouth and the increase in the demand for lamb to eat rather than to wear – have led to the once great British Wool Industry all but disappearing.

When weaversbazaar first started we looked hard to find yarns from UK fleeces and manufacturers but whilst our worsted yarns are supplied and dyed in the UK, we know both the fleeces are from New Zealand and the spinning is not done in the UK.

However, we have always supported the Campaign for Wool (see below) and finally we are delighted to be able to offer a good quality British yarn, sourced 100% from British Bluefaced Leicester fleece and milled here in the UK!

The yarn is a 2/7nm weight and we are offering it in 110g undyed hanks at £7.90 each. It comes in a natural creamy white, ideal for dyeing using either natural or synthetic dyes stuffs.

As this is the time of the Jubilee celebrations we are calling this our **Jubilee Yarn** – it is a closely twisted , worsted spun yarn we hope you will enjoy..

Visit the weaversbazaar website for all the details (www.weaversbazaar.com).

Yarn Collections

Responding to your suggestions we have made some changes to our colour collections. Our **Mega Bags** (see right) now replicate the worsted wool sample cards giving 25g of each of the colours available in two selections.

The **Colour Collections** (see below) have been revised to bring together groups of yarns that are ideally suited for blending and shading. In 18/2 these allow mixed weft bundles to be used that subtly shift a woven area through different tones. In the 8/2 and 6/2 weights the Colour Collections enable blocks of nuanced colours changes to be woven. Each month over the next year we will feature one of the Colour Collections, providing some examples of how they might be used. But just to whet your appetites, here are all the collections for you to feast your eyes on!



Mega Bag 1



Mega Bag 2



Colour Collections 1 - 12



Found on the web: British woolly events and activities



The Campaign for Wool has been running for a couple of years now. There are some key events associated with it, including Wool Week held in September and Wool Modern; an outstanding exhibition demonstrating the versatility and quality of British wool products. Lots more details can be found at

<http://www.campaignforwool.org/>



Wool on the Wall. Sunday 8th July 2012 is the date of the first wool on the wall event at the Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market at Greenhead. This is the friendly village market held on the second Sunday of every month at Greenhead Village Hall. **Wool on the wall** is a special event at the market with

the aim of raising public awareness of British Wool and what can be done with it. See more details at www.woolonthewall.org.uk.



Woolfest, held at Cockermouth in the Lake District, on 22nd and 23rd June, is a celebration of natural fibres and of all things wool. It is organised by members of The Wool Clip with help from over 100

volunteers in the days leading up to the event and during two very busy days of Woolfest. The aim is to celebrate all aspects of wool - from hill farming and rare breed fleece animals to the latest craft techniques and creations



The Vanity of Small Differences: a Tapestry exhibition from Grayson Perry. 7th June – 11 August at the Victoria Miro Gallery, 16 Wharf Road, London N1 7RW. In this new exhibition Grayson Perry explores his fascination with taste and the visual story it tells of our interior lives in a series of six tapestries. Full details ahere:

<http://www.victoria-miro.com/exhibitions/429/>. This theme is taken further through three TV programmes, *All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry*, for Channel 4 which start tonight, 5th June!



Fibre East, is located at Thurleigh, near Bedford, on 14th and 15th July. It is a celebration of British fibre crafts. Three marquees of exhibitors, plus sheep breeds, shearing show, spinning, weaving, hand-dyeing, felting, fashion and much more.

Website: <http://www.fibre-east.co.uk>. Fibre-East is a member of The Campaign for Wool.

weaversbazaar Diary – full details on our website

June 6: East Grinstead Spinners. St Mary's Church Hall, Windmill Lane, RH19 2DS – From 2.00pm

June 16: Berkshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers. Charvil Village Hall, Charvil, Berks. RG10 9TR

July 9: West Surrey Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers. United Reform Church, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7RP.

November 19: West Surrey Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers. United Reform Church, Farnham, Surrey.

Would you like us to visit your Guild, workshop or textile group? Get in touch with us...

Happy textile adventures!

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