Shave ‘Em to Save ‘Em (SE2SE) Rules

Fiber Artists

Fiber artists will be rewarded for completing projects with 5, 10, and 15 different breeds of wool from sheep on The Livestock Conservancy Conservation Priority List.

1. The enrollment fee is $15. You will receive your passport and a lapel pin (may arrive separately) that you can wear at fiber events and anywhere you want to talk about your projects. You will also receive a coupon code from Unicorn Clean, maker of Power Scour and Fibre Wash, for 10% off any purchase on their website through May 31, 2021.

2. Buy at least 4 ounces of wool from shepherds and other providers listed in The Livestock Conservancy Breeders and Products directory. Be sure the seller knows that you are participating in Shave ‘Em to Save ‘Em. They will mail you a signed “stamp” (sticker) to put in your passport on the page for that breed. You can buy raw wool, washed wool, roving, yarn, batts, or whatever form you prefer to use.

3. Start spinning, knitting, crocheting, felting, weaving, hooking your rug, or creating your other work of art!

4. Share photos of your completed work of art in our Facebook or Ravelry group!

5. When you complete 5, 10, and 15 breeds, email a photo of each of your five completed works with the passport page and sticker in the photo to ckerscher@livestockconservancy.org.

6. You will receive notification that your photos have been received, and you will be able to choose your reward!

7. When you finish 5, 10, or 15 breeds, you will have the opportunity to choose an item from our online catalog. New items are being added regularly and include tote bags with the SE2SE logo, wool, bottles of fiber wash, cell-phone rings, magazine subscriptions, gift cards, and books.

Fiber Providers

If you are selling fiber to SE2SE participants and include a sticker for their passport, you must follow these guidelines to ensure that the fiber artists will be able to get credit for their projects. You should only include one sticker for each order. If someone places an order for a group of people or for multiple breeds, please, be sure that there are at least 4 ounces of fiber for each sticker. To receive a sticker, the buyer must purchase:

1. ONLY wool from breeds of sheep on the Conservation Priority List
2. ONLY wool from sheep RECOGNIZED as PUREBRED on the Conservation Priority List (no crosses)
3. Quantities of 4 ounces or more of wool from a breed
4. Wool that is not blended or plied with any other type of fiber

FAQs

Why can’t I use or sell wool to SE2SE participants from breeds that are not on your list? The mission of The Livestock Conservancy is to save the breeds on the Conservation Priority List. It’s awesome to use any type of wool (rather than synthetics) but our members and donors are supporting the Conservancy to save heritage breeds so we have to stick to our list. Plus, part of the challenge with some of the rarest breeds will be finding the wool. Note: There are no pages in the passport for other breeds or mixed breeds.

Can I use wool from more than one breed in a single project? Yes, as long as you are using at least 4 ounces of each wool, you can combine them into a single project. For example, you can make a sampler blanket that uses a different type of wool for each square.

Can I use blends with silk, mohair, angora, other wool, or other fiber? No, you cannot. One of the goals of the program is to educate fiber artists about how each breed’s wool is unique, so roving and yarn need to be from a single breed of sheep and nothing else.
Can I use dyed wool?
Yes, you can.

Can I use wool from my own sheep?
Yes, if you are on our fiber provider list and have the sticker to put into your passport.

How long do I have to complete 15 projects?
Three years -- from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

Is there a deadline for 5 or 10 projects?
Nope! Regardless of when you get started or how fast you create, you will still be rewarded when you complete 5 and 10 projects, as long as items are still available. So far 300 items have been donated for the 5-project level, and we are continuing to look for more. There are also percentage-off coupon codes for everyone who completes projects.

What sheep are on the Conservation Priority List?
The Critical list includes sheep whose annual registrations number less than 200 and whose global population is less than 1000.

- Florida Cracker
- Hog Island
- Santa Cruz
- Gulf Coast or Gulf Coast Native
- Teeswater (Added in 2020; If you have an original passport, you will need to put the Teeswater sticker on a “Notes” page in the back of the passport. Newer passports will have a Teeswater page.)

The Threatened list includes breeds with fewer than 1000 annual registrations and a global population of less than 5000.

- Black Welsh Mountain
- Jacob – American
- Navajo-Churro
- Clun Forest
- Karakul – American
- Romeldale / CVM
- Cotswold
- Leicester Longwool
- St. Croix
- Dorset Horn
- Lincoln

The Watch list includes breeds with fewer than 2500 annual registrations and less a global population of less than 10,000.

- Barbados Blackbelly
- Oxford
- Shropshire
- Tunis
- Wiltshire Horn

The Recovering list includes breeds that used to be in the Watch list but are still in need of monitoring.

- Shetland
- Southdown*

*The Babydoll Southdown is not a purebred Southdown. Southdowns have always been white, so the presence of color in the Babydoll breed means that it was outcrossed with another breed at some point. The Southdown associations do not accept the Babydoll as a pure Southdown, nor does the Royal Breeds Survival Trust in the UK, which is where the Southdown originated.

Void where prohibited. Must be 18 or older and a resident of the United States to participate. Livestock Conservancy employees and relatives of employees are not eligible to participate. Projects will not be accepted without a sticker in an official SE2SE Passport. The Conservancy reserves the right to reject any project without explanation or notice to the artist. If the Conservancy suspects that wool was obtained from any other source other than an official SE2SE Fiber Provider or that a project does not contain the required 4oz of wool from a breed on the Conservation Priority List (CPL), the project can be rejected and the artist expelled from SE2SE. If a Fiber Provider provides product from something other than natural fiber from a breed on the CPL and represents that it is from a breed on the CPL, the Conservancy can expel that Fiber Provider from SE2SE and can also revoke their membership or Breeders Directory Participant status without refund. All photos submitted for the Initiative, including ones posted on social media and the internet can be used in the promotion of or reporting of the Shave ‘Em to Save ‘Em Initiative. Projects created by fiber artists remain property of the fiber artist. Please review these rules periodically to ensure you are aware of any changes and are familiar with the most current version. For clarity, any such change to or cancellation of these Program Rules will apply to all participants, even those who enrolled before the Conservancy made such a change or cancellation.