



THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY™

Shave 'Em to Save 'Em (SE2SE) Mighty Mitten Challenge Rules

Challenge Participants

Challenge participants will create mittens using fiber from breeds of sheep on **The Livestock Conservancy Conservation Priority List**. Choose your own technique and pattern, or follow along with one of the knitting or crochet patterns provided.

1. The **enrollment fee is \$20**. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the Mighty Mitten Facebook group.
2. Make a pair of mittens using fiber from a rare breed of sheep on the **Conservation Priority List**. You can use wool that is already in your stash, so if you are a current SE2SE artist who spun up roving as an official SE2SE project, you can use that yarn for your mittens. If you don't have any rare breed yarn, you can buy it from fiber providers in our Breeder and Products Directory, or those providers advertising in our SE2SE Facebook Group.
3. Participants can use whatever pattern they choose. We will also post links to free patterns online.
4. **Share photos** of your mittens in the Mighty Mitten Challenge Facebook group.

Purchasing Wool

Please purchase wool from a Fiber Provider listed in the online Breeders Directory

1. Use only wool from breeds of sheep on the Conservation Priority List
2. Use only wool from sheep recognized as purebred on the Conservation Priority List (no crosses)

FAQs

Why can't I use wool 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 Livestock 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.

Can I use wool from more than one breed in a single project?

Yes, you can combine multiple breeds from the Conservation Priority List to create a pair of mittens.

Can I use blends with silk, mohair, angora, other wool, or other fiber?

While you cannot use other animal fiber or wool from breeds not on the Conservation Priority List, you may combine wool from the 23 breeds on the Conservation Priority List.

Can I use dyed wool?

Yes, you can.

Can I use wool from my own sheep?

Yes, you can

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
- Teeswater
- Gulf Coast or Gulf Coast Native
- Santa Cruz

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
- Tunis
- Oxford
- Wiltshire Horn
- Shropshire

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 to participate. Livestock Conservancy employees and relatives of employees are not eligible to participate. 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 Challenge, 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 and the Mighty Mitten Challenge. Projects made by challenge participants remain property of the participant.