



THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY™

Shave 'Em to Save 'Em (SE2SE) Save Our Sheep Sweater Challenge Guidelines

Challenge Participants

Your challenge is to create a **Sweater** using fiber from any of the 23 breeds of sheep on **The Livestock Conservancy's Conservation Priority List** (listed below). Choose your own technique and pattern, or follow along with one of the patterns provided by Deborah Robson.

1. Craft a sweater using fiber(s) 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 sweater. 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, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SE2SE/> . For this challenge you may use single wools or BLEND any of the 23 breeds listed below.
2. Participants can use whatever technique and pattern they prefer. Deb has recommended some good resources for beginners. That document is available in the SE2SE Save Our Sheep Sweater Challenge Facebook Group files folder.

Purchasing Wool

Please purchase wool from a Fiber Provider listed in the Livestock Conservancy's 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). Buying fiber from registered sheep ensures their purebred status.

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.

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.

Can I use wool from my own sheep?

Yes.

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
- Navajo-Churro

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

- Black Welsh Mountain
- Jacob – American
- Romeldale / CVM
- Clun Forest
- Karakul – American
- St. Croix
- Cotswold
- Leicester Longwool
- 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 Save Our Sheep Sweater Challenge. Projects made by challenge participants remain property of the participant.