



## Shave 'Em to Save 'Em (SE2SE) Babe and Tots Challenge Guidelines

### Challenge Participants

Your challenge is to create a **three-piece set of baby or toddler sized items**, using fiber from any of the 24 breeds of sheep on **The Livestock Conservancy's Conservation Priority List** (listed on reverse). Item options include *blankies, buntings, sweaters, leggings, socks, booties, mittens, hats or headbands*. Choose your own style, size, technique and pattern, or create your own design. Knitting author and educator, **Margaret Radcliffe**, will be leading this challenge and will offer some guidance on pattern resources. While Margaret's expertise is in knitting, any fiber crafting technique qualifies for this challenge. You may knit, crochet, weave, felt, etc. You also may combine techniques in a piece or use different techniques for each piece.

### Purchasing Wool

Please purchase wool from a Fiber Provider listed in the Livestock Conservancy's online [Breeders and Products Directory](#), or from fiber providers advertising on our SE2SE Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/303153475226449>. Use wool from breeds of sheep on the Conservation Priority List. Use wool from sheep recognized as purebred on the Conservation Priority List (no crosses). Buying fiber from registered sheep ensures their purebred status.

You can also use SE2SE purchased wool (you have a sticker for it) 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 bag.

Participants are encouraged to join the SE2SE Babes & Tots Challenge Private Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/607109758268302>, to share project photos and ask questions.

### 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 \(CPL\)](#). It's awesome to use any type of wool (rather than synthetics) but our members and donors are supporting The Livestock Conservancy to save endangered, 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 either by blending, plying or alternating. You can also use a different breed for each of your three projects.

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

No, 100% of the fiber used in your pieces must be from wool from sheep on The Livestock Conservancy's Conservation Priority List.

**What non-wool embellishments can I add?**

You may add non-wool embellishments such as buttons, snaps, zippers and ribbons to your pieces.

### *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
- British Soay
- 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
- St. Croix
- Oxford
- Tunis
- Shropshire
- 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 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.*