

Shave 'Em to Save 'Em (SE2SE) Program Rules

Fiber Artists

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

- 1. The one-time **enrollment fee is \$20**. You will receive your passport and a lapel pin.
- 2. Buy at least **4 ounces of PUREBRED wool** from shepherds and other providers listed in The Livestock Conservancy Breeders and Products directory or in the SE2SE Facebook Group. Be sure the seller knows that you are participating in Shave 'Em to Save 'Em. They will mail you a signed "sticker" to put in your passport on the page for that breed. You can buy raw wool, washed wool, roving, combed top, batts, yarn, prefelt, etc.
- 3. Start spinning, knitting, crocheting, dyeing, 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 groups!
- 5. When you complete 15 projects with **15** breeds, email a photo of each of your completed works including 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 receive a Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Tote Bag!
- 7. When you complete projects with each of the breeds on the Conservation Priority List you will receive a one year membership to The Livestock Conservancy and a Shave 'Em to Save 'Em frolicking breeds pin to pin to your fiber tote bag and to show off at guild meetings and fiber festivals!

Fiber Providers - Shepherds and/or Retailers

Participation as a Fiber Provider, listing in our online or print directories and advertising in our SE2SE Facebook and Ravelry groups requires current Livestock Conservancy membership, of \$25 or more, renewed annually.

Please visit www.RareWool.org to renew your membership each year and to request more passport stickers.

When you sell fiber to SE2SE participants you must include a sticker for their passport. Please 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 4-ounce 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 or hair from a single 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 the Conservation Priority List? The mission of The Livestock Conservancy is to save the endangered 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 and this program supports their efforts. 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.

Do I need to start from Raw Wool?

No. You may make a project with any fiber preparation from raw wool to dyed and spun yarn. Your work counts as a project if it meets the following TWO criteria: 1) You begin with at least 4 ounces of fiber and 2) you take the fiber to another level of preparation. Examples: Raw wool to roving or yarn to mittens.

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

Yes, as long as you begin with 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. One of the goals of the program is to educate fiber artists about how each breed's wool is unique, so your fiber needs 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 a registered fiber provider with SE2SE, raising and using wool from purebred sheep on our Conservation Priority List, and have the sticker to put into your passport.

Do I have to make projects with all of the breeds on the Conservation Priority List?

No. SE2SE is a personal challenge. Try as many, or as few, breeds as you are interested in exploring.

How long do I have to complete my complete my projects/fill my passport? There is no deadline for completion. Work at your own pace.

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
- Navajo-Churro
- 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
- Romeldale / CVM
- Clun Forest
- Karakul American
- Soay British
- Cotswold
- Dorset Horn
- Leicester Longwool
- 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

*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 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.