

The Fibre Co. are seeking applications from independent designers for its 6th Yarn Support Programme for Spring Summer 2020. We welcome submissions from designers of all races, sexualities, gender expressions, abilities, ages and body sizes. For this request we are looking for garments and accessories using three very special blends Luma, Arranmore Light and Cumbria Fingering. Our unique blend yarns create beautiful fabrics and we are eager to see how your designs respond to the yarns' characteristics.

These three yarns are perfect for knitting in the warmer months and for creating inspired designs and accessories for seasons when you need warmth in the morning & night. Each of these yarns are excellent for creating designs that showcase and explore colour and texture. We would love to see how you celebrate your love of fibre crafts in the warmer months.

Interested and looking for some inspiration? We've put together a [mood board](#) of what inspires us – remember, we are also interested in what inspires you!

The Details

The designer will be responsible for all aspects of self-publishing the pattern to an agreed timescale (including technical editing, test knitting, layout, photography and marketing). The Fibre Co. will provide designers with full yarn support for selected designs. We will also work with you to promote your designs to our customers and yarn shops where appropriate.

All designs published with yarn support from this programme will be self-published by the designer. The designer retains full rights. The Fibre Co. will request use of images to promote the designs and collaboration where appropriate.

Everyone we work with is expected to follow our [Code of Conduct](#), so please read it before submitting your design.

Key Dates

The deadline for submission of design proposals is **18th Nov 2019**. We will be in touch by **29th Nov 2019** if your design has been selected. The publishing deadline should fall between **March 2020 and July 2020**. Final time lines will be agreed once your design has been accepted.

Submission Requirements

Please submit a **one-page pdf** with the following details:

- Photographs of your knitted swatches showing 2 full repeats of any stitch patterns or texture work used. (*Swatches do not have to use The Fibre Co. yarn but should be a similar style of yarn to the yarn you have requested for the design*).
- Images of your design sketches (hand drawn or digital).
- Written description of how the design is constructed, the type of stitches used and any other details important to the design. Please include the yarn and colourway you wish to work with for your design.
- Size spec with garment dimensions.

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

- Why do you want to design with yarn from The Fibre Co.?
- Send us links to your Ravelry page, website / blog, Instagram etc and include your contact details on each page you submit.

All design submissions must be sent to yarnsupport@thefibreco.com by **Midnight [GMT] on Monday 18th Nov 2019**. Please use the subject line **"Yarn Support for Indie Designers - Request no. 6"**. You can submit more than one design, please provide a one page pdf for each idea and send all documents in the same email.

Luma

A classic DK weight yarn, Luma is inspired by the mood and light found in mid-latitude savannas—those grassland ecosystems with open canopies allowing plenty of sunlight. Daily life in mid-latitude climates, whether in the drier Mediterranean or temperate Great Plains of the USA, is best handled with a layered approach to clothing. Plant-based fibres mixed with silk and wool provide a built-in layer of warmth in winter yet lightness when required in warmer temperatures. The Luma palette includes soft neutrals and bright shades of pink, blue and green.

There are 4 new shades available for YSP designs this season. More details about Luma can be [found here](#).

Yarn weight: DK **Hank weight:** 50g

Fibre: 50% Merino wool, 25% organic cotton, 15% linen, 10% silk

Length: 125m / 137yds per 50g hank

Tension / Gauge: 21–23 sts per 10 cm / 4 in

Needle size: 3.75–4 mm / 5–6 US



Arranmore Light

Inspired by the breathtaking scenery of Ireland's Northern Headlands, Arranmore Light yarn is spun in a mill that traces its roots to the homespun tweed industry of 19th century County Donegal. A finer weight than the popular Arranmore, Arranmore Light blends cashmere and silk with a fine merino wool to create an authentic tweed yarn of the finest quality. With a colour palette reminiscent of the wild Irish coastlands, Arranmore Light was designed for makers appreciating the best of luxury and tradition.

More details about Arranmore Light can be [found here](#)

Yarn weight: DK **Hank weight:** 100g

Fibre: 80% Merino wool, 10% cashmere, 10% silk

Length: 300m / 328yds per 100g hank

Tension / Gauge: 22–24 sts per 10 cm / 4 in

Needle size: 3.75–4 mm / 5–6 US



Take a look at what The Fibre Co. Customers are knitting with our yarns.

[Luma Projects](#) | [Arranmore Light Projects](#) | [Cumbria Fingering Projects](#)

Cumbria Fingering

Carrying on with the success of the original worsted weight of Cumbria, we developed this fingering weight version with the same nod to the mood, light and places that characterise the North West of the United Kingdom. The brown wool from English Masham is blended with a fine Mohair from Argentina that adds strength, lustre and warmth. These two fibres are blended with a fine South American Merino to give the final yarn the softness and beautiful hand that defines The Fibre Co. yarns. The resulting light brown-grey shade is then over-dyed creating lovely deep saturated colours. The cream shade and all heathers use a natural ecru Masham. Fabrics knit from Cumbria Fingering are perfect for lighter weight garments and accessories alike.

More details about Cumbria can be [found here](#).

Yarn weight: Fingering **Hank weight:** 100g

Fibre: 60% merino wool, 30% masham wool and 10% mohair

Length: 300 m / 328 yds per 100g hank

Tension / Gauge: 26–30 sts / 10 cm / 4 in

Needle size: 2.5–3.25 mm / 1–3 US



Take a look at what the designers from the Yarn Support Programme | Spring 2019 and AW 19–20 requests are designing with our yarns.

[Spring 2019](#) | [AW 19-20](#)

If you have any questions please contact yarnsupport@thefibreco.com



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