

Yarn Support Programme AW 20-21

The Fibre Co. are seeking applications from independent designers for its 7th Yarn Support Programme for Autumn Winter 2020-21. We welcome submissions from designers of all races, sexualities, gender expressions, abilities, ages and body sizes. For this request we are looking for garment designs for our new brushed yarn Cirro and sock designs for our new sock yarn Amble.

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 kindly read it before submitting your design.

Key Dates

The deadline for submission of design proposals is **17th April 2020**. We will be in touch by **30th April 2020** if your design has been selected. The publishing deadline should fall between **August 2020 and February 2021**. 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. Please make all designs size-inclusive.

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 Friday 17th April 2020**. Please use the subject line **"Yarn Support for Indie Designers - Request no. 7"**. You can submit more than one design, please provide a one page pdf for each idea and send all documents in the same email.



The Fibre Co.'s first brushed yarn is processed in a mill in Southern Peru, home of the alpaca. Cirro is a sport weight yarn that combines the long lustrous Suri alpaca fibre with Merino wool. The brushed effect is created by wrapping this blend around an organic cotton binder thread to achieve a light and airy yarn perfectly balanced for body and drape. Cirro creates a delightfully soft haloed fabric that is light as a feather and easily worn next to the skin.

There are 12 shades available for YSP designs. Please see Page 3.

Yarn weight: Sport **Hank weight:** 50g
Fibre: 40% Suri alpaca, 40% organic cotton, 20% Merino wool
Length: 255m / 246yds per 50g hank
Tension / Gauge: 23 sts per 10cm / 4 in
Needle size: 4.00 mm / 6 US



When The Fibre Co. set out to design a sock yarn, we stayed true to our guiding principle of harnessing the beauty that nature provides in a way that is gentle on our planet. We waited until a recycled nylon and an alternative to the standard chlorine processed washable wools became available. The end result is a soft yet durable yarn from Merino wool and alpaca fibres processed with an eco-friendly, anti-shrinkage treatment called Easy-wash. The recycled nylon adds strength and durability. We named this yarn Amble to reflect the kind of slow relaxed walking we enjoy here in the English Lake District.

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Yarn weight: Fingering **Hank weight:** 100g
Fibre: 70% Easy-wash Merino Wool, 20% Easy-wash Alpaca, 10% recycled nylon
Length: 325m / 355yds per 100g hank
Tension / Gauge: 32 sts per 10 cm / 4 in
Needle size: 2.5 mm / 1.5 US



Take a look at what the designers from the Yarn Support Programme | [AW 19-20](#) are designing with our yarns.

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



