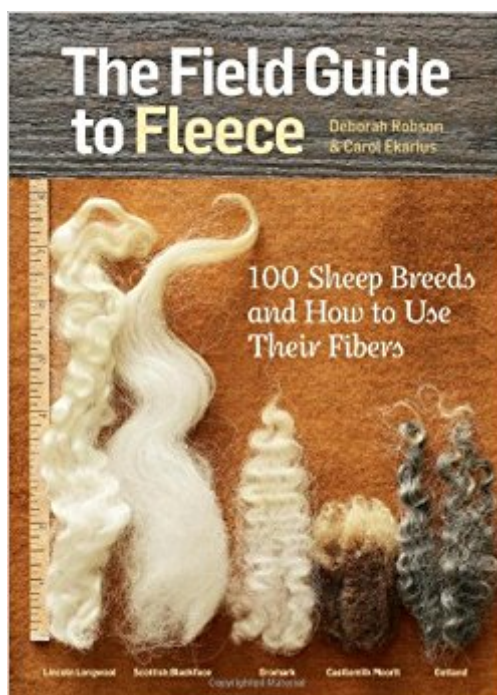


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# The Field Guide To Fleece: 100 Sheep Breeds & How To Use Their Fibers



## Synopsis

With this compact portable reference in hand, crafters can quickly and easily look up any of 100 different sheep breeds, the characteristics of their fleece, and the kinds of projects for which their fleece is best suited. Each breed profile includes a photograph of the animal and information about its origin and conservation status, as well as the weight, staple length, fiber diameter, and natural colors of its fleece. This is a great primer for beginners, and a handy guide for anyone who loves working with fleece.

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## Customer Reviews

Which wool is right for your project, and what might you do with that big bag of luscious fleece that catches your eye at the fiber festival? The answers to your questions are always at your fingertips in this portable reference to the fleece characteristics of 100 sheep breeds. For each breed, you'll find: The best way to prepare the fleece for spinning The natural colors of the fleece and how well it takes dyes Best uses for the wool Fleece weights, staple lengths, and fiber diameters

Carol Ekarius is the co-author of *The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook*, *The Field Guide to Fleece*, and *Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep*, and she is the author of several books, including *Small-Scale Livestock Farming*, *Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds*, and *Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle, and Pigs*. She lives in the mountains of Colorado, where her four-legged and winged family keeps her busy. Deborah

Robson is co-author of *The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook* and *Knitting in the Old Way*. She is a former editor of both *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot* and *Spin-Off* magazine, and she is currently the editor and publisher of Nomad Press, which publishes books on traditional and ethnic knitting and spinning. Robson is also an artist, working in textiles, printmaking, and oils. She lives in Colorado with her daughter.

Great little resource book. I loaded it onto my Kindle Fire for easy reference. Has good photographs and descriptions of a hundred breeds of sheep (although in some instances, such as with Dorsets, the author will write up descriptions of the various types of Dorsets). You get a little info on the breed's origins, characteristics of the wool, whether or not it tends to felt, how well it takes dye, some basic preparation recommendations (whether to comb or card the fleece) and what projects the wool is well suited for--such as whether a particular wool would be better for a sturdy blanket or outer sweater, or a next-to-the-skin scarf or baby item. I really liked that an example of a lock from each breed is photographed next to a ruler so you can see its length and how much crimp it has. I've used it at my fiber suppliers when they had a new kind of wool and I wanted to know more about it before buying some.

Solid guide to bring along if you like to go to farm shows and state fairs. Will help you determine what type of sheep you are looking at. Banana for scale.

This book is organized alphabetically rather than by breed types as Robson and Ekarius's *Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook* is. I love the usefulness of this much more portable book. Of course, it covers only 100 sheep breeds, so there is that drawback. And there wasn't space to give a full page to handspun, knitted, and woven versions of the fleece. But the photos of cleaned locks remain as well as much of the description that's in the *Sourcebook*. Bottom line, I've found a new traveling companion on my fiber fair trips! Knitted caps off to the authors!!!

This is a great little book when you are going to a fiber fair. It fits in a bag, is light weight and very useful when finding the right fleece or wool fiber to purchase. As a knitter and spinner I use this book often when I travel. It doesn't take the place of the *Fiber Source* book but when traveling it's very handy to have.

GORGEOUS photos of fleece! Love seeing the details up close--so very interesting! Easy to follow

alphabetical format to find your favorite sheep quickly. If you are looking for a book that lists each breed by its type or group (longwools, merinos, etc.) look up the FLEECE AND FIBER SOURCEBOOK for more detailed information and the history of each breed! The book is so beautiful--the authors did an amazing job photographing the fiber against backgrounds that really bring out the details!

Almost all of the breeds I was looking for are in this book. It is small but packed with useful information, lovely photos and color, and good shots of the fleece structure. A nice little book to keep by the spinning wheel or take with you to those fiber festivals to quickly check to see if that lovely fleece you're looking at will behave the way you hope for your lovely next to the skin cowl, or if it really is a bit too itchy or sturdy and might be better for rugs.

I am enrolled in the Master Spinner program through Olds College. This is an excellent reference to get a quick overview of the typical fleeces available (and some that I hadn't heard of). It's an excellent companion to Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook, and easier to carry with you. For example, if you find yourself at a festival and you see a fleece in which you are interested, you could quickly find the breed in the book and see what the typical micron count is and some suggestions for what to do with the fleece (even though you probably have something already in mind). There is a picture of a lock of each breed and generally a picture of the sheep as well. So if you run across someone who has sheep but doesn't know what breed they have, you could show them some pictures and see if that helps. If you are buying fleece online you could look up the breed here and be better informed. If you know the name of a breed but can't remember what it's useful for, you could look here and find out.

I bought this book with "Adventures in yarn farming Four seasons on a New England Fiber Farm" by Barbara Parry. This gives you a great look at what breeds of wool sheep you can use for what. If you are looking to use wool for a specific type of product this is the book you need. It gives all the info you need on the wool and what it's best used for. Great little book to use if this is what you are thinking about doing or if you just want to spin and weave. Definitely recommend this especially for those interested in the fiber arts or raising the sheep for their wool. Works great with the above mentioned book.

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