

Wet Felting Wool Reference Chart

Fiber Type	Length of Fiber (staple length)	Dyeable? Color Characteristics	Fiber Texture	Finished Felt Texture
Corriedale	3-6 inches	Yes. The creamy wool takes colors well.	Medium-fine, clear crimp, well-defined locks.	A dense felt with a medium roughness. Durable.
Jacob	3-7 inches	Not usually. Heather blacks, browns, grey and reds. Natural colors vary greatly.	Typically on the coarser side. Varies from sheep to sheep.	A dense felt with a slightly scratchy surface. Durable.
Romney	4-8 inches	Yes. Comes in variety of natural tones.	Varies, typically a light coarseness.	Dense felt with a fuzzy texture.
Cheviot	4-5 inches	Yes. Color is not as clear and brilliant as other wools.	Dense, defined crimp. Varying from coarse to almost fine.	Coarse felt with a high density.
Blue-faced Leicester	3-6 inches	Yes. Clear colors are possible	Highly crimped, lustrous, soft and durable	A soft durable felt
Shetland	Wide range depending on location.	Yes. Comes in variety of natural tones.	Fine with a high durability, Soft crimp	Soft and durable felt with a smooth lustrous texture
Merino	2-5 inches	Whites take color well.	Fine and soft, lightweight, high crimp.	Soft felt that is lightweight.
Alpaca	Varies 2-11 inches depending on breed.	Lighter colors will take dye. Wide range of natural colors.	Soft, fine and lightweight.	Soft delicate felt, lightweight.