

# WOOL PRODUCT RESOURCE LIST

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**FIBER BREEDS:** *Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook*, by Carol Ekarius and Deborah Robson

Oklahoma State Univ. has a useful website: <https://breeds.okstate.edu/sheep/>

### FIBER MILLS, WOOL POOLS, OTHER FIBER RESOURCES:

Local Fiber – Ithaca regional consortium: <https://localfiber.org/>

(Covid changed a lot of wool pools, so up-to-date information is difficult to find.)

**WOOL PILLOWS:** Cece's Wool is an example of how wool batting can be turned from "junk" into an income source. She now purchases GOTS-certified organic wool and fabric, and hires her own team to sew the pillows. [www.ceceswool.com](http://www.ceceswool.com)

**WOOL BEDDING:** Most mills can make batts from your wool. Zeilingers Wool Mill in Michigan does quite a lot of this, e.g. <https://www.zwool.com/>

**WOOL BLANKETS:** Battenkill Fiber Mill <https://www.battenkillfibers.com/> works with a NY handweaver to make custom blankets from customers' fiber.

Two other examples of what can be accomplished:

Swans Island (Maine) - <https://swansislandcompany.com/>

Western Massachusetts Fibershed Blanket Project - <https://westernmassfibershed.org/>

### WOOL PELLETS:

Vermont Wool Company: [VermontWoolCompany@gmail.com](mailto:VermontWoolCompany@gmail.com) is purchasing wool for pelleting.

Elf Pellet Mills (pelleting machinery): <https://elfpelletmills.com/> is based in Czechoslovakia, but they sell all around the US.

**WOOL POTS:** Various sellers on Etsy

New Zealand: <https://thewoolpot.com/en-us>

Britain (knitted): [www.wool-pots.co.uk](http://www.wool-pots.co.uk)

**WOOL FELT FOR DIE-CUTTING** (insoles, coasters, e.g.): Google "industrial textiles" wool felt  
Many alpaca growers have felt made from their fiber

Stramba Fiber Mill & Felting Studio: [info@strambafarmalpacas.com](mailto:info@strambafarmalpacas.com) (McGraw, NY)

"Joe's Toes" felt slippers kit: <https://joes-toes.com/collections/diy-felt-slippers> (Britain)

### SHEEP PELTS/TANNERIES:

Vermont Natural Tannery - [www.vermontnaturaltannery.com](http://www.vermontnaturaltannery.com)

Bucks County Fur Products (Quakertown, PA) - <http://www.buckscountyfurproducts.com/>

**SHEARERS:** Cornell keeps a list of shearers at <https://www.ccelivestock.com/nys-shearers>