

For this request we are looking for accessories and garments using five of our lighter weight yarns; Road to China Lace, Meadow, Cumbria Fingering, Road to China Light and Luma. Our unique blend yarns create beautiful fabrics and we are eager to see how your designs respond to the yarns' characteristics. These lighter yarns are perfect for knitting in the warmer seasons and make beautiful all-year yarns for those in warmer climates. We want to see how you celebrate your love of fibre crafts in the warmer months.

We are looking for the following types of designs for each yarn:  
Road to China Lace, Meadow and Road to China Light – **accessories only**.  
Canopy Fingering and Luma – **garments and accessories**.

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.

### Key Dates

The deadline for submission of design proposals is **16 October 2017**. We will be in touch by **6 November 2017** if your design has been selected.

The publishing deadline should fall between **1st February 2018 and 30th June 2018**. Final timelines 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.
- 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](mailto:yarnsupport@thefibreco.com) by **5pm [GMT] on Monday 16th October 2017**. Please use the subject line "**Yarn Support for Indie Designers - Request no. 2**". You can submit more than one design, please provide a one page pdf for each idea and send all documents in the same email.



## Road to China Lace

This is the lace hank that we reach for when we want to create something truly special and has the yardage to indulge hours of meditative making. Born from our days of running a small mill back in Maine, Road to China Lace combines baby alpaca, cashmere, silk and camel in a 2ply yarn that celebrates our love for the beauty of natural fibres. The saturated colours play enticingly across the duotones created by this heady blend that was developed for softness and rich drape.

More details about Road to China Lace can be found [here](#).

Yarn weight: Lace Skein weight: 100 g

Fibre: 65% baby alpaca, 15% silk,  
10% camel, 10% cashmere

Length: 600 m / 656 yds per 100 g hank

Tension / Gauge: 32–40sts / 10 cm / 4 in

Needle size: 2.0–2.75 mm / 0–2 US / 14–12 UK

## Meadow

Meadow is the perfect lace weight yarn, spun with

The Fibre Co.'s trademark blend of luxury fibres with a touch of rustic. Combining four of the most luxurious fibres—baby llama, fine merino wool, silk and linen—this 2 ply yarn is slightly heavier than a typical lace weight yarn. It is a versatile yarn that works well on a variety of needle sizes and a wide array of projects. The crisp hand and stitch definition of linen with the sheen of silk is perfectly complimented by the softness of baby llama and fine merino. A yarn for fibre lovers who like a treat on the needles and for their favourite handmades.

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

Yarn weight: Lace Skein weight: 100 g

Fibre: 40% Merino wool, 25% baby llama,  
20% silk, 15% linen

Length: 498 m / 545 yds per 100 g hank

Tension / Gauge: 32–36 sts / 10 cm / 4 in

Needle size: 2.25–3.25 mm / 1–3 US / 13–10 UK



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

[Road to China Lace projects](#) | [Meadow projects](#)



## Canopy Fingering

Yarn development for The Fibre Co. always begins by trialing blends of various fibres and applying our dyeing know-how from years of dye experiments to create the perfect colour palette. And it was no different for Canopy, the first yarn developed with a partner mill giving it a special place in our heart as the yarn that signalled that The Fibre Co. was ready to unite makers worldwide in their love for luxurious fibres. A mix of alpaca, bamboo and merino means a soothing drape with a cozy warmth too.

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

Yarn weight: Fingering / 4-ply Skein weight: 50 g  
Fibre: 50% baby alpaca, 30% Merino wool,  
20% viscose from bamboo  
Length: 183 m / 200 yds per 50 g hank  
Tension / Gauge: 28–32 sts over 10 cm / 4 in  
Needle size: 2.5–3.25 mm / 2–3 US / 12–10 UK

## Road to China Light

The Road to China blend was born from our days of owning a small mill back in Maine in the early days of The Fibre Co. Years of fibre exploration at the carding machine hand blending raw fleeces led to the pursuit of the perfect yarn made from truly luxurious fibres. The resulting Road to China blend creates a knit fabric with a soft halo but enough definition to explore subtle textures and shifting patterns. Road to China Light is the hank we reach for when we want to create something truly special.

More details about Road to China Light can be found [here](#).

Yarn weight: Sport Skein weight: 50 g  
Fibre: 65% baby alpaca, 15% silk, 10% camel, 10% cashmere  
Length: 145 m / 159 yds per 50 g hank  
Tension / Gauge: 24–26 sts / 10 cm / 4 in  
Needle size: 3.25–3.5 mm / 3–4 US / 10 UK



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[Canopy Fingering projects](#) | [Road to China Light projects](#) | [Luma projects](#)



## 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.

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

Yarn weight: DK Skein weight: 50 g  
Fibre: 50% Merino wool, 25% organic cotton,  
15% linen, 10% silk

Length: 125 m / 137 yds per 50 g hank  
Tension / Gauge: 21–23 sts over 10 cm / 4 in  
Needle size: 3.75–4.00 mm / 5–6 US / 9–8 UK

Take a look at what the designers from the Yarn Support Programme | Fall 2017 request are designing with our yarns.

[Yarn Support Programme | Fall 2017 | #tfclovesdesigners](#)

If you have any questions please contact [yarnsupport@thefibreco.com](mailto:yarnsupport@thefibreco.com)

