

The Fibre Co. are seeking applications from independent designers for its 5th Yarn Support Programme for AW 2019-20. We welcome submissions from designers of all races, sexualities, gender expressions, abilities, ages and body sizes. For this request we are looking for garments and accessories using four very special blends Tundra, Lore, Cumbria and Road to China Light. Our unique blend yarns create beautiful fabrics and we are eager to see how your designs respond to the yarns' characteristics.

These four yarns are perfect for knitting in the winter months and for creating inspired designs and accessories for seasons when you need warmth and comfort. Each of these yarns are excellent for creating designs that showcase and explore colour and texture. We would love to see how you celebrate your love of fibre crafts in the winter months.

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 **26th April 2019**. We will be in touch by **17th May 2019** if your design has been selected.

The publishing deadline should fall between **August 2019 and February 2020**. 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. Please include the yarn and colourway you wish to work with for your 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 Friday 26th April 2019**. Please use the subject line "**Yarn Support for Indie Designers - Request no. 5**". You can submit more than one design, please provide a one page pdf for each idea and send all documents in the same email.



## Tundra

Tundra is a bulky yarn created from our much loved formula of baby alpaca, merino and silk. This 2 ply yarn has a pleasing, rounded appearance that results in a plump hank with loft and a great hand. Accessories and garments alike enjoy a weightlessness but with all the enveloping warmth you'd expect from such an ample yarn. The generous 100 gram put up is perfect for creating warm and lofty one and two hank accessories, or just a few hanks more allow the creation of delightfully warm and soft garments. Tundra is a yarn for delighting in as you work up fast and pleasing handmades that add just the right flavour to winter days.

There are 4 new shades available for YSP designs this season. More details about Tundra can be [found here](#)

Yarn weight: Bulky Hank weight: 100 g  
Fibre: 60% baby alpaca, 30% Merino wool, 10% silk  
Length: 109 m / 120 yds per 100 g hank  
Tension / Gauge: 12–14 sts / 10 cm / 4 in  
Needle size: 6.0–8.0 mm / 10–11 US / 4–0 UK

## Lore

Processed in a mill in England's historical textile region of West Yorkshire, Lore is made of 100% lambswool from the Romney sheep breed also referred to locally as Kent lamb. It is an honest woolen spun DK weight yarn that blooms into a beautiful knitted fabric after washing. Garments made from Lore will wear well and are perfect for everyday and special adventures alike. We named this yarn Lore to honour the stories we create with wool. Great stories happen to those who knit them. Won't you share your knitting story with us?

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

Yarn weight: DK Hank weight: 100 g  
Fibre: 100% lambswool from the English Romney sheep breed  
Length: 250 m / 273 yds per 100 g hank  
Tension / Gauge: 21 sts per 10 cm / 4 in  
Needle size: 4 mm / 6 US / 8 UK



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

[Tundra Projects](#) | [Lore Projects](#) | [Road To China Light Projects](#) | [Cumbria Projects](#)



## Cumbria

In celebration of her move to England, our founder, Daphne, developed this yarn to be evocative of the mood, light and places that characterise the North West of the United Kingdom. Cumbria is a classic worsted weight yarn in saturated colours inspired by the lakes and hills. In combining the brown wool from English Masham with a fine Mohair from Argentina, a strength, lustre and warmth is produced that is ideal for handmade staples. These two fibres are blended with a fine South American Merino to give the final yarn the softness and beautiful hand that defines The Fibre Co. yarns.

There are 8 new heatherd shades available for YSP designs this season. More details about Cumbria can be [found here](#)

Yarn weight: Worsted Hank weight: 100 g  
 Fibre: 60% merino wool, 30% masham wool and 10% mohair  
 Length: 218 m / 238 yds per 100 g hank  
 Tension / Gauge: 18–20 sts / 10 cm / 4 in  
 Needle size: 4-5 mm / 6-8 US / 8-6 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.

There are 4 new shades available for YSP designs this season. 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



Take a look at what the designers from the Yarn Support Programme | Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 requests are designing with our yarns.

[Fall 2018](#) | [Spring 2019](#)

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