



## Paddock To Ply YARN DESCRIPTION TERMS

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Please note that the proper technical description of natural fibre yarn varies significantly to the descriptions simplified for use by domestic hand knitters. As we sell both cone yarns (greasy) and hand knitting yarns (clean), please use this as a guide.

### Understanding the description of our yarns

Generally in the yarn trade we describe the name or brand of the yarn (i.e. Paddock To Ply), the quality (i.e. Merino), and the metric description (i.e. 2/11.3Nm).

### What does the metric description 2/11.3Nm mean?

2 = the number of different yarns plied together.  
11.3 = the length in meters, per ply, required to weigh one gram.

Therefore, a 2/11.3Nm yarn will require 5.65 meters to make one gram, because it has been plied twice, and therefore requires half the length to make 1 gram.

Note: That our metric measurements are based on clean results. That is how many meters, per ply, required to make one gram once the yarn has been washed.

### What is greasy yarn?

This means that the processing oil, an absolute requirement during the manufacturing of yarn, has not been washed out. It is normal practice to machine knit and weave with greasy yarn as it allows the knitter or weaver full control of the finished quality they want for their end product after scouring/washing and drying.

To convert greasy yarn to clean yarn, follow Paddock To Ply's finishing and natural fibre care advice. It is possible to hand knit with greasy yarn, but if this is what you want to do we recommend that after handling greasy yarn please ensure you wash your hands well.

### What is clean yarn?

Hand knitting yarns tend to be washed to get the processing oil out so it has a soft handle when knitting by hand. Our yarns are washed, unless otherwise stated, and this leaves a lovely handle, but also somewhat limits the finished quality of article. For those who wish to have the ability to control the finish quality of their natural fibre article, should consider buying yarn on the cone.

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