

Working With Curly Fiber



Curly wool alpaca blend yarns

Curly horses give us another unique quality and that is spinnable fiber in the spring when they shed their winter coats. The best Curly fiber is soft and fine. The finest fiber is found around the ear area and the next finest is the chest & between front legs area. These areas are usually soft enough for next to skin items. The collected hair fiber is washed and then blended with other fibers like wool, alpaca, llama, mohair or even cotton to be spun into yarn. The Curly yarn can be made into any item by crocheting, knitting, weaving or any fiber art craft. The carded Curly fiber blends can be felted, either using needle felting or wet felting. Anything you can imagine can be made from Curly fiber and yarns.

Curly fiber and yarns can also be dyed with commercially produced dyes or by using Kool Aid or Easter Egg dyes. A fun project for adults and kids! The fibers that take the dye the best are white, palomino, buckskin and light grey colored Curly hair.

Some Curly horses have a low micron count, meaning the diameter of the hair fiber is very small. The lower the number of a micron count, the finer the fiber. In Curly horses with a low micron count, their entire body coat is useable for spinning. These horses are prized for their hair coat as well as all the other Curly attributes.

Some Smooth Coat Curlies also produce very fine spinnable fibers.

We have several fiber artists that work with Curly Fiber in the ICHO Curly Fiber Guild. A place for fiber artists to share techniques, ideas and items they have created. We strive to provide finished items for horse fairs and expos to show what can be made from Curly Horse fibers. You may be seeing some of these creations today made by our fiber artists. We hope you enjoy them!

For more information on Curly fiber or buying Curly fiber items, please contact any of the fiber artists or email Bunny at ~ dslinfo@gmail.com