



Peterborough
WEAVERS and SPINNERS
Guild

PETERBOROUGH WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD SHOW AND SALE QUALITY STANDARD GUIDELINES

These are standards pertaining to Guild sales only. Artisans Centre Peterborough sales have their own guidelines. Guild membership entitles members to submit items for ACP sales which do not have to be weaving, spinning, felting and basketry only.

Articles for sale should be aesthetically pleasing and suitable for the intended function. Take a few minutes as you price and tag your articles to consider the following GUIDELINES.

WEAVING:

Woven items must be at least 50% handwoven. This allows for purchased lining fabric, knitted cuffs, collars and bands or other trim.

Edges should be as even as possible.

Work should be free of knots in the weft and warp. (Bumpy textured novelty yarn is different)

Check items carefully and correct any skips, floats or other small errors before washing.

Washable items should be washed and pressed before selling so there will be no surprises for the purchaser.

Hems should be hemstitched, hand-sewn, or carefully machine sewn.

Tapestries must be provided with appropriate hanging devices.

SPINNING:

Handspun items must be at least 50% handspun. This allows for a binder, metallic yarns, and other material to be plied into the yarn. It also allows for leather soles on slippers, etc.

Check items carefully and correct any small knitting errors.

Handspun items should be washed and blocked.

Handspun skeins of yarn should list content: Type of fibre and any other fibres added, weight and approximate yardage and include recommendations for knitting needle or crochet hook sizes.

Carded fleece, hand dyed locks and dyed roving should be clean (as free of vegetable matter as possible). It should be packaged for sale and include content – type of fibre and any other added fibre, weight and how it can be used.

Clean finished whole sheepskins may be accepted for sale.

FELTING:

Only original handmade felt may be used. The one exception is commercial felt used as backing for a needlefelted item.

Animal fibre or commercial yarn may be used for felting.

All fibre content should be listed.

Embellishments may be used.

Nuno Felted items – the entire fibre content should be listed. (ie merino wool blend with alpaca, tussah silk, silk chiffon.)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Buttons and closures should be chosen with special care to complement the article.

Baby blankets should be neatly finished. The hems should be hand sewn, neatly machine stitched or finished with a knit or crocheted edge. Fringes or commercial binding should be avoided.

Cushions or other stuffed items must carry a tag (or put the information on your sales tag) stating the fibre content used for stuffing. This should be new, clean stuffing fibre. Pillow forms have a tag that can be displayed withing easy sight.

Guild sale tags must be used and completely filled out.

If you have your own tags, they may be attached as well.

Contact a Show Convenor or a member of the Board if you are uncertain of the suitability of an item for sale.

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