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Three Ways by which Wool Shops Determine the Quality of Wool by [Rocky Delafontaine](#)

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A major hurdle to online shopping is not having any real-life experience with the product you're buying. Shoppers face the risk of paying for something that does not even come close to the product description published online. As a result, they may end up with something they neither want nor need.

This risk wouldn't normally be a problem when purchasing items like books or computers. But when buying fabrics like wool, you would naturally want to test the texture and weight prior to using it for sewing, knitting, or quilting. After all, the end product would mainly depend on the quality of the materials used.

Fortunately, there are ways to find out while lessening the chances of not getting what you want. It all boils down to knowing the right yarn weight, the right yarn fibre and the right ply rating. Each of them will be explained in detail below.

**Right yarn weight.** Weights of yarn aren't always listed in numerical terms. Instead, yarn weight is organized by their names. There's fingering yarn (baby yarn) for small needles, sport yarn as light to medium weight for medium needles, and then worsted yarn which is the most common weight for medium to large needles. Bulky yarn is medium to heavy weight for large needles. Finally, super bulky yarn is the heaviest weight for large or extra large needles.

**Right yarn fibre** You can choose from acrylic, bamboo, wool, and cotton fibres. Surprisingly, the best way to get a good "feel" is to nonetheless buy a small ball of yarn anyway wool shops Arnprior quilting enthusiasts visit when securing materials for their Charity Quilting night. Use that sample as a basis for eventually buying the actual desired wool online.

**Right ply rating** Ply rating refers to the wool's thickness, layers or strands. Weight and ply rating are actually two distinctive characteristics, so a two to three-ply wool yarn is not the same as a 400-gram one. It's generally more helpful to note the yarn weight rather than its ply, although some wool shops Renfrew residents check out have online comparison charts to give you more exact definitions.

By now, these characteristics should give you better ideas on how to tell which yarn of wool you want to buy online. Staff at wool shops Arnprior or Renfrew residents visit can likewise give you more detailed tips. You can also read more about wool types online at [EzineArticles.com](#) and [eHow.com](#).

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