

quirky goodness™



What is Recycled Silk yarn?

Recycled Silk yarn is undoubtedly the most unique yarn you will ever encounter. Silk sari thrums from India's weaving mills are imported to Nepal where they are handspun by women's cooperatives and cottage industries into gleaming silk skeins.

What is Banana Silk yarn?

Banana trees have long been used as a source for fibers to make clothing and household goods. Before cotton became readily available banana fabrics were commonplace in South East Asia. Our Banana Silk yarn is handspun from waste from weaving mills. It is available in a mix of colors or over-dyed solids.

Connect with women on the other side of the globe.

When you make an item with handspun yarn, it is made not only by you, but by you and the women who created the yarn. It takes three women to make each skein of recycled yarn: one to card, one to spin, and one to prepare the skein for sale. Once the recycled silk fiber has been sorted and teased, it is handspun on a drop spindle or charka spinning wheel. When the yarn is finished, it is turned in for payment, where another group of women puts them into skeins in preparation for sale.

Our yarn is "fair trade," meaning all the workers involved receive a fair price for their efforts. By spinning, women are able to use their traditional skills to support themselves and their families.

People not machines.

Hand spinning creates natural inconsistencies and a rather scrappy nature. Therefore each skein of yarn is as different as the women who made it. The colors, twist, texture, and yardage can vary from yard to yard and skein to skein. Not your usual ball of yarn, recycled silk yarn with its wild texture and vibrant colors will make your project, no matter how simple in design, instantly charming and unique.

What does all this mean to you?

Be ready for a few knots, wild texture, overtwisted spots, undertwisted spots, chunks of exotic colors—maybe even a small bit of Nepalese newspaper if you're lucky! As each yard goes through your hands, think of all the hands that it has gone through already, and be proud that your knitting is connecting you with so many around the world.

every yard is a new adventure!™

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