

ALPACA FLEECE IN BEDDING

Part 1

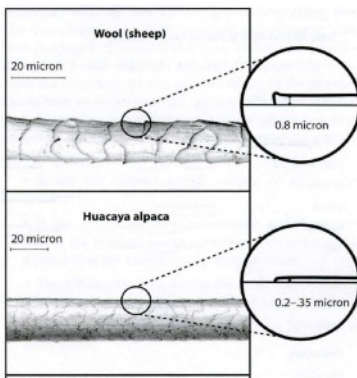


ALPACA FLEECE ... *A perfect quilt filling*

Alpaca fleece is amongst the world's rarest and most sought after exotic natural animal fibres. On a global scale, alpaca fleece is less than one hundredth of one percent of the production of sheep's wool. Premium quality Australian alpaca fleece is very limited in supply, approximately 75 tonnes per year yield from 125,000 animals.

Apart from its rarity and extremely luxuriously soft handle, alpaca fleece is also an ideal fibre for quilt fillings. In 2001, after considerable research, study and trials, Kelly & Windsor Australia commenced commercial development of alpaca quilts and is today recognised as being a world leader in alpaca quilt and bedding accessories.

When properly processed, alpaca fleece makes a perfect quilt filling. Environmentally friendly, bio degradable, chemical free and flame retardant - ideal for quilts.



SOFTNESS AND DRAPE ... *the essence of sleeping luxury*

Alpaca fleece has a unique softness which is due to the fibre's smooth surface structure. Natural animal fibres all have surface scales which vary considerably in height, profile and frequency.

Like other exotic fibres such as cashmere and silk, alpaca fleece has an exceptionally smooth fibre surface which is ideal for bedding, so that alpaca quilts drape around the body to trap air and create warmth.

LIGHTWEIGHT... *warmth without the weight*

Alpaca fleece has a semi hollow core which naturally traps air to significantly improve its thermal performance without extra weight.

Compared to wool, alpaca quilts are approximately 25% warmer and will not get "heavy" and uneven with prolonged use.



NATURAL FIBRE... *Chemical free and safe*

Alpaca fleece does not contain lanolin which requires significant chemical processing to remove. After shearing, alpaca fleece is washed in an organically approved process to remove the dirt and vegetable matter and is a pure natural bio degradable fibre.

MOISTURE ABSORBENT... *dry and warm in winter and cool in summer*

Alpaca fleece is a natural fibre and can absorb up to 30% of its weight in moisture, an essential part of a good night's rest.

SUPERIOR LOFT & STRENGTH... *Warmer and longer lasting*

With experienced processing, alpaca fleece has good loft which is an important property of a quilt's filling to trap air for ideal warmth. Alpaca fleece also has a high tensile strength, while not important for warmth, a stronger fibre is more durable and an alpaca quilt will have a longer life with regular use.



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