



KETTLE YARN CO

Linda Lencovic became obsessed with knitting and yarn after falling ill when she was in her late 30s. A personal quest for “ruggedly tough, long-wearing blends that feel delicious against the skin” led her to start Kettle Yarn Co in 2013, and she has a strong focus on ethical and sustainable sourcing. She dyes her yarn at home in her kitchen, using no

harsh chemicals and citric acid to set the dye.

What inspires your colours?

“Like a magpie collecting treasure, my yarn colours are very much inspired by my day-to-day life – any hue that catches my eye and makes me want to add it to my hoard eventually gets translated to yarn. My upcoming new British breed yarn, Northiam, is inspired by the stunning countryside on England’s south coast.”

What sort of patterns or textures work best with your yarns?

“I have a large range of yarn blends to fit any project. The silk blends work beautifully for sleek lace, while the Beyul blend of baby yak, silk and ethically-farmed Merino also has a light halo and spectacular stitch definition for making stitch details and cables pop.

“My exclusive small-batch yarns have a more rustic handle. Perfect for soft cables, jumpers and lacy shawls, Baskerville is a subtly modern take on traditional yarn, melding the lustrous, velvety crimp of fine British Gotland and the loft of Exmoor Blueface with a hint of luminous silk to heighten Gotland’s natural lustre. Woollen-spun Ramble is a proper old-school blend of British Romney and Shetland spun into a heathered, sheepy cloud which creates a warm, airy fleece ideal for colourwork and traditional fishermen’s jumpers.”

Where can I get hold of it?

Buy online at kettleyarnco.co.uk. Also available from retailers including Knit With Attitude and Fig Tree Yarns.