

GOOD SWEATER YARN

Things that make a good sweater yarn:

Enjoyable feels good in the hands while knitting

Durable abrasion-resistant / wears well over time / is sturdy

Easy keeping a smooth tension isn't challenging, no-fuss in handling (especially when wet)

Wearable the fabric feels and looks good at sweater-scale

Other thoughts & things to consider:

Stitch Definition & Visibility no wrong answer, but should be considered

First-time Sweater Knitters avoid very smooth superwash (too much risk for growth!) -- instead, choose a blend (acrylic, silk, whatever) and/or a single-fiber yarn with a bit more "bite" to it

Color identify dye lot issues, difference between hank & how it looks when knit up

AMY'S FAVORITES

Woolly wools:

- Harrisville Watershed, Flywheel
- Harrisville Highland
- Swans Island All-American
- Green Mountain Spinnery Maine Organic
- Briggs & Little
- Peace Fleece

First-time sweater knitters:

- Berroco Vintage
- Blue Sky Alpacas Extra
- Rowan Pure Wool Worsted
- Shepherd's Wool
- Rowan All-Seasons Cotton

Larger gauge:

- Blue Sky Alpacas Techno
- Blue Sky Alpacas Brushed Suri
- Rowan Alpaca Chunky
- Lorna's Laces Masham

Non-wool & warm weather:

- Classic Elite Firefly
- Classic Elite Classic Silk
- Rowan Softknit Cotton
- Rowan Summer Tweed
- Shibui Linen

Soft & smooth:

- Blue Sky Alpacas Melange
- Rowan Lima
- Mrs. Crosby Loves to Play Hatbox
- Swans Island Organic
- Sweet Georgia Merino Silk Fine