

# KnitBritish Breed Swatch-along

## The Test Drive

**Breed:**

**Wool Category (if known):**

**Brand (if applicable):**

**Form (fleece, fibre, yarn):**

**Weight:** DK., or 4ply, etc, etc

**Preparation (if known):** woollen or worsted spun

**What does the wool or fibre feel like?**



**Cast on: needles** state amount cast on and needle size and which knit or crochet stitch pattern you use.

**What does this yarn feel like to knit with?** Key words or details

**Observances of unwashed swatch:** note size , appearance and feel of fabric



### Wash, Block and Wear - Test 1

**How did you wash it and were there any observations?**

**How did you block it and to which dimensions?**

**What is the feel and look of the washed blocked square?**

**Wear the swatch inside your clothing for a day** - how did it feel against your skin?

Did it pill or wear against the fabric of your clothing?

**Observances:** has it shrunk? Has it bloomed? How does it differ from unwashed?



## **Wash, Block and Wear - Test 2**

**Repeat the process and make the same observances.**

How did you wash it and block it? To which dimensions?

Wear the swatch inside your clothing for a day - how does it feel compared to last time?

Are there signs of wear?

Has the swatch changed? How does it look and feel now?



## **Wash, Block and Wear - OPTIONAL Test 3**

Does the swatch change again with another repeat of the process?

Try rubbing your swatch against itself **VIGOROUSLY** (or something woollen you don't mind possibly felting!) - does it pill, felt or change?



## **Final and Overall Assessment:**

**Describe the swatch and fabric now: include size of swatch**

**Thoughts on the life, longevity and uses of this wool:**

**Do these differ from your initial thoughts?**

**Would you consider using this breed wool again?**

**What else have you learned or observed from this test drive?**



**Create a Ravelry project for each swatch.**

**Upload your images and post the test drive in your project notes. If you have blogged your test drive you can link to that in the notes.**

**Post in the relevant FO thread with a good close up of your swatch, preferably flat.**

**Link to your project notes so we can all read your test drive.**

**Write a short KEYWORD summary in the FO thread:**

**Include - Breed; Weight; Stitch pattern used; Initial thoughts on feel and use; Observances on final swatch**