Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Festival
Handcrafted Items & Skein Contest

2026 CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

General Instructions

1. All entries must have been completed after the 2025 festival and must be the work of the contestant.
2. All entries must be made with at least 50% natural fibers, including wool, alpaca, mohair, cotton, linen, silk, etc. (anything natural).
3. Each contestant must complete the Contest Entry Form and list each item being entered in the contest.
    a. Each entry must include the Category Number, Category Name, and a Description of the item. The 2026 Contest Categories are listed below.
    b. Entries made with fleece, fiber (roving, batts, etc.), or yarn, purchased at the 2025 Festival are eligible to be entered in the **Festival-to-Festival (F2F)** category. (See information below for information on the F2F category.)
        i. On the Contest Entry Form, place a check mark in the F2F column next to the entry if eligible for the F2F category.
        ii. Attach the Proof of Purchase to the Contest Entry Form. (A Proof of Purchase form is provided by the Vendor when the fleece, fiber, or yarn is purchased.)
        iii. If you do not have a Proof of Purchase form, sign the Declaration below and attach it to the Contest Entry Form.
4. An Entry Tag must be completed for each item entered and attached to the item.
    a. The tag must include the fiber content and technique used to create the item.
    b. If item is eligible for the F2F category, circle F2F on the Entry Tag.
5. Entries will be accepted in the Sheep Barn at the Contest Table during the following times:
    a. **Friday, September 11, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm** (Festival is not open at that time but vendors are setting up).
    b. Entries may be mailed prior to the festival. Contact us at *info@endlessmountainsfiberfest.com* for the mailing address.

6. The following cash premiums will be paid in each category, except the F2F category.

   First place - $8
   Second place - $5
   Third place - $3

7. Entries will be released on **Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 3:00 pm** at the Contest Table. <u>If not picked up by 5:00 pm, the entry will become the property of the Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Festival.</u>

8. Entries may be returned by mail if a box and adequate postage are provided at the time of check-in.

9. Contest winners should bring their entry to the Information Desk to receive their premium.

10. The Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Festival will take every precaution to care for each contest entry but will not be responsible for any damage to or loss of any entry.

11. The Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Festival may take photographs of contest entries to be used in its newsletter, on its website, and/or in social media.

12. Contestants who are 17 years old and under should include their age on the Contest Entry Form. The judge at his or her discretion may judge Youth entries separately.

<u>2026 Contest Categories</u>*

1. Handspun Wool Skein
2. Handspun Camelid Skein
3. Handspun Angora Skein
4. Handspun “Other” Skein
5. Handspun Novelty Skein
6. Large Wearable Items**
7. Small Wearable Items**
8. Children’s Items**
9. Toys
10. Home Accessories**
11. Other Non-wearable**
12. Needle Felted
13. Wet Felted

* The category listed on the entry form may be changed at the judge’s discretion.

** If more than 3 of the same type of item is submitted, the judge may create a new category for the type of item and judge them separately.

Specific Rules for Each Category

Handspun Skeins (Categories 1-5)

Skeins must be finished (i.e., washed, steamed) and securely tied in four places using a figure eight tie. Skeins must be 1 to 2 yards in circumference and consist of at least 50 yards of yarn, except novelty yarn where a minimum of 15 yards is permitted. Skeins should be a balanced yarn and they may be natural colored or dyed. ***Limit:*** *One (1) entry per contestant for each skein category.*

Large Wearable Items (Category 6)

Large wearable items are sweaters, shawls, vests, ponchos, skirts, etc. Entries in this category may be knit, crochet or woven and made with handspun, mill-spun, or commercial yarn(s). ***Limit:*** *Three (3) items per contestant may be entered in this category, but they cannot be the same type of items (sweater, shawl, vests, etc.)*

Small Wearable Items (Category 7)

Small wearable items are hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, headbands, socks, handbags, etc. Entries in this category may be knit, crochet or woven and made with handspun, mill-spun, or commercial yarn(s). ***Limit:*** *Three (3) items per contestant may be entered in this category, but they cannot be the same type of items (mittens, hats, scarves, etc.)*

Children's Items (Category 8)

Children's items are child's clothing or accessories, baby blankets, etc. Entries in this category may be knit, crochet or woven and made with handspun, mill-spun, or commercial yarn(s). ***Limit:*** *Three (3) items per contestant may be entered in this category, but they cannot be the same type of items (baby blanket, baby socks, baby sweater, etc.)*

Rules for Toys (Category 9)

Toys include any item considered to be a toy, such as stuffed animals, dolls, etc. Entries in this category may be knit, crochet or woven and made with handspun, mill-spun, or commercial yarn(s). ***Limit:*** *One (1) entry per contestant for this category.*

Home Accessories (Category 10)

Home Accessories are wall hangings, table runners, rugs, blankets, baskets, etc. Entries in this category may be knit, crochet or woven and made with handspun, mill-spun, or commercial yarn(s). ***Limit:*** *Three (3) items per contestant may be entered in this category, but they cannot be the same type of items (wall hanging, rug, blanket, etc.)*

Other Non- Wearable Items (Category 11)

This category is for non-wearable items that are not Children's Items, Home Accessories, or Toys. Entries in this category may be knit, crochet or woven and made with handspun, mill-spun, or commercial yarn(s). ***Limit:*** *One (1) entry per contestant for this category.*

Needle Felted Items (Category 12)

This category is for any item that is made using the needle felted technique. ***Limit:*** *Two (2) entries per contestant may be entered in this category, but they cannot be the same type of items.*

Wet Felted Items (Category 13)

This category is for any item that is made using the wet felted technique. ***Limit:*** *Two (2) entries per contestant may be entered in this category, but they cannot be the same type of items.*

Festival to Festival Category

This category provides contestants with an opportunity to win a ribbon in a separate category for items made with fleece, fiber (roving, batts, etc.), or yarn purchased at the festival in a prior year. Items that are eligible for the F2F category are still judged in one of the above categories but will be pulled out afterward to be judged separately.

If you are interested in entering an item that is eligible for the F2F category, ask the vendor for a Proof of Purchase form when you purchase the fleece, fiber (roving, batts, etc.), or yarn that you will use to create the contest item. This Proof of Purchase is then attached to the Contest Entry Form to show eligibility for the F2F category.

If you did not receive a Proof of Purchase form or misplaced it, you may sign the Declaration below and attach it to the Contest Entry Form.

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