

the handweavers studio & gallery



catalogue & pricelist | paper & special yarns

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Yarn information

Yarn counts can be very confusing. There are so many systems, and often there is no indication which system is being used. We try to spell out in all cases which system applies, but to enable you to compare and to calculate your needs more easily wherever we can we also give the length per metre/yard and the number of diameters (wraps) per centimetre/inch.

The following abbreviations are used in the yarn descriptions:

ne	the English cotton numbering system, based on the number of 840 yd strands per lb
nel	lea, the English linen numbering system, based on the number of 300 yd strands per lb
nm	the metric system, based on the number of metres per gram
wc	worsted count, the most common wool numbering system, based on the number of 560 yd strands per lb
den	the denier system, based on the weight of 9000 metres
tex	weight in grams per 1000m length
wpc	wraps per centimetre
wpi	wraps per inch

paper (and paper-like) yarns

Japanese paper yarn (koyari)

4mm width, twisted
10,100 m/kg / 5,000 yds/lb
20 wpc / 50 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



Japanese paper + raw silk

8.8 nm
8,800 m/kg / 4,375 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



abaca (banana fibre)

three strands of banana fibre loosely twisted together to form a lustrous, springy yarn
5 nm
5,000 m/kg / 2,480 yds/lb
£6.00 - 25 gms



horsehair + cotton melange

horsehair spun with cotton to give a springy, wiry yarn. Not a paper, but can be used in many similar ways.

70% horsehair, 30% cotton
7 nm
7,000 m/kg / 3475 yds/lb
£5.25 - 25 gms
£14.25 - 100 gms



grey

beige

viscose-sized linen unbleached

8 lea (4.8 nm)
4,800 m/kg / 2,385 yds/lb
12 wpc / 30 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



viscose-sized ramie bleached

5 lea (3 nm)
3,000 m/kg / 1,490 yds/lb
9 wpc / 24 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



viscose-sized ramie bleached

60 lea (36.3 nm)
36,300 m/kg / 18,100 yds/lb
36wpc / 92 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



viscose-sized cotton bleached

5 nm
5,000 m/kg / 2,485 yds/lb
8 wpc / 20 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



viscose-sized cotton bleached

3mm width
1,400 m/kg / 695 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



unbleached viscose-sized Indian silk 5.4 nm

5,400 m/kg / 2,680 yds/lb
9 wpc / 24 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



viscose-sized paper this completely untwisted paper gains strength from the viscose sizing

2mm width
9,600 m/kg / 4,770 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



viscose-sized rayon six strands of rayon twisted together and sized to give a crisp paper-like yarn

8.5 nm
8,500 m/kg / 4,200 yds/lb
12 wpc / 30 wpi
£4.25 - 25 gms
£12.75 - 100 gms



white with black

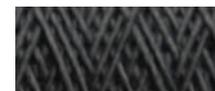


black with white

wool/paper blend

A fine strand of papers is twisted with a single strand of wool to give a soft, smooth, strong yarn. Available in ecru, grey, petrol, black and blue

6 nm
6,000 m/kg / 2,980 yds/lb
£4.75 - 10 gms
£9.50 - 25 gms



OJO paper yarns

The OJO paper yarns, manufactured by the Oji Fiber Company, are made from manila hemp, which has particularly long, strong fibres and which makes these papers exceptionally strong, light and smooth. There are four levels of twist - "royal" is the tightest, "standard" is next, then "wrinkled". "Twisted" is actually the least twisted. The finer yarns can comfortably be used for clothing and all four weights are washable - expect them to soften slightly. They can also be dyed in the same way as any other cellulosic fibres

OJO 1515 royal

40/1 nm (1515 royal)
40,000 m/kg / 19,880 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms



OJO 1530 standard

21/1 nm (1530 standard)
21,000 m/kg / 10,437 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms



OJO 15-100 wrinkled

6.6/1 nm
6600 m/kg / 3,280 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms



OJO 15-150 twisted

4/1 nm
4000 m/kg / 1,988 yds/lb
£4.25 - 25 gms



wires & wire blends

stainless steel blends

silk/stainless steel

The steel adds memory to the yarn, and a slight sparkle. Effective as a way of fanning out the ends of scarves, for example.

60/2 nm silk plied with 50 micron stainless steel
17,800 m/kg / 8,800 yds/lb
25 wpc / 64 wpi

ecru: £9.50 - 25 gms
£33 - 100 gms

colours: £10.50 - 25 gms
£37 - 100 gms



silk/stainless steel - black extra fine

82/2 nm; 65% silk, 35% stainless steel
41,000 m/kg / 20,300 yds/lb
25 wpc / 64 wpi
£7.25 - 10 gms



linen/stainless steel

31 nm; 85% linen, 15% stainless steel
31,000 m/kg / 15,350 yds/lb
25wpc / 64 wpi
£7.00 - 10 gms



wool/stainless steel

The steel adds memory but the softness of the wool is retained. The sparkle from the steel is a subtle contrast to the matt wool.

48/2 nm wool plied with 50 micron stainless steel
15,800 m/kg / 8,800 yds/lb
22 wpc / 56 wpi

ecru: £9.50 - 25 gms
£33 - 100 gms

colours: £10.50 - 25 gms
£37 - 100 gms



hemp/silk/steel

20 nm
20,000 m/kg / 9,940 yds/lb
£9.50 - 25 gms



other wire blends

cotton/brass

20 nm
20,000 m/kg / 9,940 yds/lb
£9.50 - 25 gms



regoleado (linen/aluminium)

20 nm
20,000 m/kg / 9,940 yds/lb
£9.50 - 25 gms

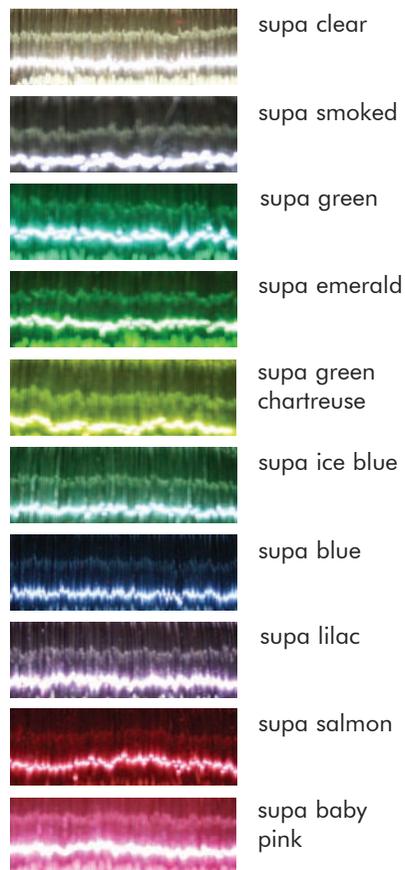


More colours coming - keep an eye on the website

copper craft wire

0.2mm coloured copper craft wire

0.2mm diameter
£6.75 - 50 gm (175 m)



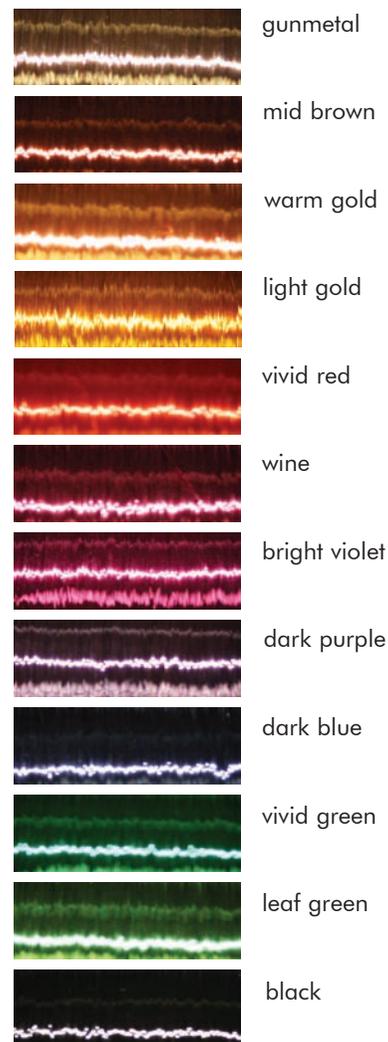
bamboo/copper

Bamboo plied with a fine copper wire which gives the yarn some memory.
67% bamboo, 33% copper
20 nm
20,000 m/kg / 9,940 yds/lb
£5.50 - 10 gms



0.1mm coloured copper craft wire

0.1 mm diameter
£6.75 - 50 gms (700 m)



more wires overleaf

wires (cont)

stainless steel

0.0355 mm

£4.75 - 250 m mini-cone



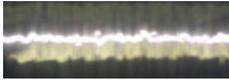
0.05 mm

£4.75 - 250 m mini-cone



0.1 mm

£18 - 50 gms spool



copper

bare copper wire

0.071 mm

£45 - 50 gms (approx 1,420 m)



silver-plated copper wire

0.1 mm

£10.25 - 50 gms



0.2mm

£10.25 - 50 gms



cotton-covered copper wire

The cotton covering means this wire can be dyed

£21 - 50 gms

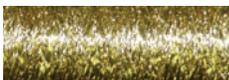


textile wire

A fine wire that has been specially treated to be flexible for textile purposes.

£5.25 - 250 m

brass-effect



zinc-effect



sparkling & light-reflective yarns

lurex

a very wide range of colours and types - phone or email to find out the options in the colour range you want

£3.60 - 500 m

corneta

Polyester foil yarn supported externally by two nylon threads

94 nm

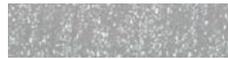
94,000 m/kg / 46,700 yds/lb

£5.25 - 500 m

MX Irise



transparent



gold



metal fox

A fluorescent polyester yarn

approx 40 nm

approx 40,000 m/kg / 19,880 yds/lb

£9.50 - 25 gms

blue



pink



yellow



green



orange



silver



glow-in-the dark yarns

thick glow-in-the-dark

Pale green in the light, the phosphorescent coating glows spooky green in the dark

1.12 nm

1,120 m/kg / 555 yds/lb

£5.25 - 10 gms

£9.75 - 25 gms



fine glow-in-the-dark

In the light this look like fine white cotton but it glows an unearthly pale green in the dark

43/2 ne (approx 35 nm)

£5.00 - 400 m mini-cone



firefly

A glitter yarn with a fine strand of glow-in-the-dark for a gentle glow when the lights are out

5 nm

5,000 m/kg / 2,480 yds/lb

£7.50 - 10 gms

rose



purple



blue



green



gold



copper



retroreflective yarns

fine retroreflective

The kind of yarn used in high-vis wear

18nm

£7.50 - 10 gms



medium retroreflective

A slightly thicker version, available in gold as well as the more usual silver

0.5 mm diameter

£6.50 - 50 m mini-cone

silver



gold



retroreflective - other thicknesses

Available in silver only

extra-fine

1.0 mm

1.5 mm

2.0 mm

£6.50 - 50 m mini-cone

reflective yarns

liquid mercury

4mm

£4.50 - 25 gms



polyvinyl, polyurethane, PVC etc

antara

A flat yarn with the look of leather.

50% polyurethane, 38% cotton,

12% polyamide

5 nm

5,000 m/kg / 2,480 yds/lb

£5.25 - 10 gms

£9.75 - 25 gms

white



black



rubco

Originally developed for car upholstery, rubco is typically 90% polyurethane, 10% polyester, but sometimes also has a steel core. The colours and weights vary from time to time but we usually manage to get those listed below. Check online for accurate availability.

All colours and weights are the same price.

£5.25 - 25 gms

clear with steel core

1.1 nm

black

2.5 nm

clear brown

2.5 nm

clear black

2.5 nm

transparent white

3 nm

red

2.2 nm

blue-grey

2.2 nm

black

0.26 nm

monofilament

100% polyamide, available in two deniers and two colours; transparent and smoke

250 & 520 denier

£3.25 - 10gms

transparent



smoke



polyester shrink yarn

fine white yarn that shrinks in hot water, Don't steam it or use in water hotter than 90°C, though, or it starts to disappear!

60/2 nm

60,000 m/kg / 29,750 yds/lb

£4.75 - 15 gms

solvron (soluble thread)

fine white yarn that dissolves completely when washed in hot water. Useful as a support for fragile warp threads, or as a dummy weft.

200 den

35,000 m/kg / 17.150 yds/lb

£3.50 - 10 gms £6.50 - 25 gms

pemotex

a white yarn that feels a bit like stiff cotton and gets progressively rigid with heat treatment

11.7 nm

11,700 m/kg / 5,815 yds/lb

£3.50 - 10 gms

£6.50 - 25 gms