



Mood: SPRING 2017 – Down

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Proposals due by: **March 1, 2016**

Down and down-like breeds are a bit of a dirty word in the handspinning world, but we think it's time to change that. Help us convince handspinners everywhere that these sheep are for **more than meat** – they can make darn good yarn!

Dorset Down, Hampshire, Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and the much bigger family of down-like breeds are the focus of the **Spring 2017** issue of PLY Magazine. We're looking for anything and everything about these fibery beasts and the yarn you can make from them.

What are the **characteristics** of a down breed, and what's the **difference** between that and a down-like breed? Why would a spinner want to spin them? What's the difference between Polled or Horned Dorset and Dorset Down? Between Babydoll Southdown and regular Southdown? Let's see **how they fare next to each other**, spun woolen and worsted, carded and combed!

Downs are known for **spring and bounce**, but can they be used for next-to-skin wear? Do they really not felt? How do they wear? How do you utilize the **chalkiness**, or can you emphasize the **luster**? What about **blends**?

Do they make perfect socks? What about a sweater? Collapse weave?

Do you know some **interesting facts or history** you'd like to share? What about a technique that's perfect for down breeds? If you've got something to say about these **underappreciated sheep**, we're all ears!

Send your ideas, proposals, projects, and designs proposals to jacey@plymagazine.com by **March 1, 2016**, and we'll get back to you with a yes or no in April!

Thanks,

Jacey



PETAL: 17.82.1.0
PROMENADE: 5.49.19.0
MARI MARI: 0.51.100.0
GOLD DUST: 4.25.55.0
LEAF BUD: 70.0.71.0
LATE: 84.35.41.16