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Gn'R Alpaca Boutique - Vendor

Welcome to Gn'R Alpaca Boutique, now in sunny Oliver, British Columbia. Being a former alpaca farmer, I know good fibre. We specialise in alpaca and exotics like silk, camel, angora, and merino. We now purchase only top grade blankets, and I actually hand brush virtually every lock, eliminating dirt and vegetation, giving us the cleanest fibre. We have a full range of alpaca raw, from whites, right through to black, and I like to specify and have lots of different greys available. Sampling of our angora, and one of my favourite, the camel. At 16 microns, this fibre is absolutely stunning. Adds fluff and absolute softness.

With our rovings, we have a wide range again, and with it being so beautifully done, beautifully prepared, it's a delight to spin. A wide range including white, and our ever-popular white with silk, right through to blacks, browns, and even beautiful colour combinations. Sometimes we'll have the delight of having a Suri alpaca. It spins as well. Sometimes I'll dye some of my own white alpaca and come up with some beautiful colorings as well, beautiful as accents. One of our featured rovings is Northern Lights, it's a wool roving, a pencil roving. It's a beginner spinner's delight. It spins beautifully, is very forgiving, and felts rather rapidly as well.

Another one of the rovings we offer is the Malabrigo Merino, the Nube, but what we do, something very special, is we actually pin draft it so that it's ready and easy to spin. So for those that have found before that it's a little bit tight and felted, you will really, really enjoy our pre-drafted version.

Another item that I like to use in the batts is the Soft Silk, it's 100% mulberry silk. You can dye your own, a little goes a long way, or some of the amazing colorways that we have. It adds lustre and a beautiful, beautiful glow to your fibre projects.

We offer merino, a large variety, whether they be larger quantities, or look at our little sub minis, we call them, solids and from variegated as well. So, little bits, or a lot, depending on what you might need.

With our fibre being so beautifully processed, we like to really, really showcase the alpaca batts. Whether it be with the browns, the white base, the black base, or the greys as the base, and then adding again, only beautiful camels, silks, and exotics, make for stunning batts. Sometimes we'll have some locks and silks, often a few hand dyed braids, and more merino with silk for accents.

For those of you that like to weave, we offer core spun yarn in a very wide range, with beautiful thick, thick core spun for weaving, and available on cone, all kinds of threads and yarns from Louet. If that

sparks your interest, maybe some of our hand dyed alpaca yarns for weaving, mill dyed, mill spun. Anything from a single Lopi, which adds lots of texture, lots of thickness. Thicker, thinner, variegated, lots and lots of choices.

In the boutique, we have some beautiful finished items as well. One of my absolute favourites is my own handspun yarn. Whether they be the alpaca with merino, alpaca blends, alpaca with the silk, or one of my art yarns, what a delight for a weaver. Thick and thin, core spun, all offering and always changing.

And lastly, we have a special on at the moment, from Louet, 15% on all Louet products. So imagine, your spinning wheel or a loom. This offer's available now. Thank you so much for joining us. Gail at Gn,R Alpaca Boutique.