



EUROFLAX LINEN YARN from LOUET NORTH AMERICA

Our long line linen yarn is made out of flax-fiber, which is wet spun. Flax is a vegetable product. It is called “long line” because it grows more than a yard tall. When it is standing in the field, it is a beautiful sight—a field full of bright blue flowers, waving in the wind. At harvest time the flax is cut and laid to dry. The linen fiber is in the long stems.

Since crops vary from year to year, so does the quality of flax vary, even the wet-spun. To get a consistent quality, the factory will blend several years of crops together. The factory where our yarn is spun has been in operation for several generations. They have developed a way of splitting the fibers very fine, and double-boiling the yarn to be able to give us a really soft and exceptional quality. Within the last year they have also started adding a softening agent to the process, giving us softer yarn in the skein.

This wonderful Euroflax yarn has been used by hand-knitters for more than 20 years in North America. We at Louet North America have been carrying this wonderful yarn for more than 15 years. We have developed and continue to develop patterns for this yarn in all weights.

Due to the yarns' breathing capabilities, linen sweaters feel cool in the summer. They are wonderful to wear and are machine washable using a non-bleach mild soap. We recommend 'SOAK' so that deep colors are not damaged by detergents. For best results, dry the garment in the dryer for 15 minutes, then lay flat to finish drying. With wearing it will become very soft with a beautiful lustrous silky effect. After you have made one sweater out of our Euroflax linen, you will definitely want to make more!

TIPS FOR KNITTING WITH EUROFLAX LINEN

- **Most importantly, you must wash and dry all samples BEFORE measuring gauge.** The knitted fabric relaxes after the FIRST time it has been washed and the gauge will change.
- We do not recommend washing and drying the skeins before knitting. We also don't feel that it is necessary to "shock" the yarn or finished garment by freezing/thawing or hitting it against a hard surface to soften the yarn. You can completely dry the garment in a dryer, and iron it with a steam iron in order to soften it. Euroflax is very durable and is not adversely affected by machine drying.
- With no natural elasticity, linen is not suitable for standard ribbing, on either bottom borders or neck bands. Knit-in-hems, rolled borders, lace edgings, and garter stitch borders all work wonderfully with this yarn.
- This yarn is more suitable for pattern knitting such as cables, knit/purl combinations or lace patterns than stockinette stitch. Small areas of stockinette stitch work well using purl stitches or yarn overs in between.
- Please pay special attention to the recommended needle size given for each yarn.
- Larger needles should only be used for very lacy patterns, such as shawls, stoles, blankets or curtains.
- For your first project, we highly recommend using one of our patterns, in order for you to get the feel of this wonderful yarn.

If you have any questions on knitting with this yarn, or on whether a specific technique or pattern will work, please contact: lynda@louet.com

Happy Knitting!