

**Hagrid (White 7). 6.8 lb, \$12/lb, 5-6" staple (unstretched), \$81 total (not including shipping). 10% of this price will be donated to Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association, along with any funds paid in excess of purchase price.**

Who says guys have to be rough and tough? Hagrid's fleece has a touch less lanolin in it than his sister Heather's fleece has, no doubt contributing to why it doesn't feel quite as soft as the ewe fleeces; it's probably best for outerware. It is on the "medium gray" end of things, fading to cream at the tips, with a few slightly darker portions fading to reddish tips. Some of these latter were only 4" in length, whereas most of the fleece is in the 5-6" range, but these portions were especially soft and it seemed a crime to skirt them out just because they were different. This fleece was ruthlessly skirted (no one wants to buy an 11-pound ram fleece, after all) down to 6.8 pounds.



Above: overview of Hagrid's fleece, from head towards rear quarters.



Above: view of front quarter of Hagrid's fleece  
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Above: view of middle of Hagrid's fleece



Above: view of rear quarters of Hagrid's fleece.

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Above: three locks of Hagrid's fleece, taken at random from (top to bottom) front, middle, and rear quarters. All locks tested sound.



Same three locks after brief washing in tepid water with goat's milk soap.

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View of Hagrid's fleece, as bagged.



The big guy himself, gorging on fresh spring pasture. Hagrid is what I'd call an "English blue" (born black but fading to gray, lightening with age).