

APPLE LEEF FARM

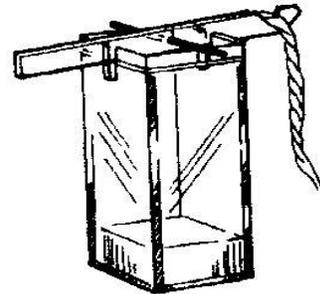
Using the McMorran Yarn Balance

One of the things that is hard to track, is the length or yardage, in a handspun skein of yarn. This is important when we put our skeins to work in finished pieces.

Rule of thumb: ALWAYS have MORE THAN enough to complete the project!

One of the handiest tools a handspinner can have, is the McMorran Yarn Balance. It is also a handy tool for commercial yarns, especially when you have all those odds and ends of unknown yardage. This nifty gadget allows you to calculate the length of your skein of yarn from just a small sample. Don't ask me how this works, because all I can tell you is that it makes a pretty good estimate that is invaluable to putting our handspun to work!

DIRECTIONS: Remove the balance arm with the metal pivot from the box and place the pivot in the **SMALL** grooves, with the "V" of the balance arm upwards: make sure the balance arm is clear of the sides of the 2 slots.



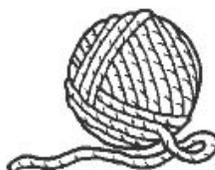
Take a length of yarn and place centrally in the V of the balance arm. Add more yarn or cut off yarn ends until the balance arm is horizontal. Remove the yarn and measure.

Measure the **TOTAL** length in inches. Multiply the number of inches (& fractions) by 100. This figure is the approximate number of yards in a pound of the yarn.

Example: length of yarn = 6 1/2" or 6.5 inches. Multiply this number by 100 = 650 yards per pound approximately. Now, you can weigh your skein and figure out the estimated yardage!

APPLE LEEF FARM

Les & Leef Bloomenstiel
669 Massey Road
Gunter, TX 75058



Phone: 903-433-0065
Fax: 903-433-8064
Email: leef@appleleeffarm.com
Website: <http://appleleeffarm.com/>