

FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

A FiberyGoodness EVOLUTION Project!

So my dear adventurers. The time has come to talk of many things.. Of shoes--and ships--and sealing-wax-- Of cabbages--and kings-- And why the sea is boiling hot-- And whether pigs have wings...

Lewis Carrol dreamed up the Walking Walrus who charmed his lunch with poetry, and the wonderful enigmatic Jabberwocky, terrifying and yet met his match at the tip of a Vorpal sword, never again to come whiffing through the tulge wood again...

And then there was 'Fluffy'.. the fantastical three headed dog belonging to Hagrid, courtesy of JK Rowling.. a guard dog who could see in many directions!.. and another of Hagrids 'pets' Aragog.. I am sure I am not the only one (I hope!) who speculated on the silk THAT spider could produce!



And now we have the brand new offering from JK Rowling to get our imaginations soaring and our creativity rocking!



Your Task (should you choose to accept it!)

#ONE

Head on over to the new [EVENT PAGE](#) (the link is pinned at the top of our [Evolution Group Page](#)) and **join a TEAM** by commenting under the Team Name (scroll down the page to find and take your pick!). This Event page is just for organising teams, so head on back to the main Evolution group once you have done that and made contact with your team mates! 6-8 people per team.

Your team names are fairly randomly selected, you may choose to use them in some way within your project or you can use it as a team name only.

#TWO

Once you have joined a team, someone in the team needs to start a group chat, you can do this through Facebook Messenger, just add your teammates to a PM chat to get started - you may need to 'friend' each other to do this.

Use your group chat to stay in touch, share photos, set up your hangouts, and support each other with ideas and help when needed.

#THREE

Your next task is to organise a team Hangout! As we are almost into the 'crazy season' and people are likely to be busy, out of town, shopping, cooking, making gifts etc, this may be a bit challenging, but do your best, it adds SO much to the Evolution experience to be able to interact 'live' and talk about your stash and your spinning together! Aim for at least ONE hangout before project end, and use your Facebook chat in between.

#FOUR

Then you need to draw your Evolution Cards!! [Go to the website and Draw your Three Game Cards!](#) Use these as you wish during the project, and feel free to print out and colour - these are made to be collectible!

And now the PROJECT ITSELF!

Your big team task is to work on finding your own fantastic beast!

YOUR CHALLENGE is to find and spin a fibre you have never spun before! It can be from any animal (beast) or even plant (remember the Triffids?!), use your imaginations, and make this an opportunity to try something completely new! It may be from a sheep breed you have never spun before, or a camelid, a dog, a rabbit, a silk worm... so long as it is new to you, now is your chance!

This is where your teammates come in! We suggest you pool your resources! You do not need to do a full on fibre swap - these can be expensive and slow, but if you can each find something in your stash to send to **one** person on your team who hasn't yet tried it, please do so! It will be easiest to organise this during your hangout, but if all else fails make good use of your Facebook Chat group and compare stashes and resources!

Only two rules with the fibre share - please send only washed fibre and send no more than 2oz

Once you have your fibre, you may spin it any way you like, however its always useful to get advice and ideas from others who have spun this kind of fibre before! Check in with your team and also help where you can from your own experience with other fibres.

This is an excellent opportunity to do some experimenting! You can:

- Spin samples! Try different ways to spin your fibre and compare results.
- blend it with other fibres in varying percentages and see how it alters the yarn you spin from it
- if appropriate you can dye it and learn about how this fibre takes up dye (sample! even dyeing single staples with different dye solutions will teach you a lot!)

You might even want to knit a swatch from your spun experiments and see how this fibre works as a fabric!



As a final **OPTION** for this project, you might like to get together with your teammates and find a BEAST you can all create from your project yarns! Check out Ravelry for free patterns such as these Beast Gloves (left):

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/beast-costume-gloves>

or this little cutie: (right)
<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/little-joe>



This section IS optional, the main goal is the spinning of the fantastical beast fibre itself, but please do continue on and create something magical if you have the time, you can do this independently too if your team mates cannot continue on.

Finally PLEASE do come and share all your experiences and creations on the Evolution Group Page!! We LOVE to see what you all do together and the ways people expand on the project ideas and turn them into amazing fibery things!

Happy Spinning everyone! If you have any project questions you can ask Suzy for help, and any technical questions please contact evanita@fiberygoodness.com (she has the magic touch!)