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| Date: 6/28/10 | | | | | |
| Name of test spinner: Roxanna Matthews | | | | | |
| Email Address of test spinner: flyingfish3@comcast.net | | | | | |
| Fiber Name: | Silver Gray 100% Corriedale (2008/2009 fleece) – Ulf | Brown 100% Corriedale (2008/2009 fleece) – Ukulele | Medium Gray Corriedale/Columbia/Romney X Shetland | Ivory Corriedale/Columbia/Romney X Shetland | Lt Gray/Tan Corriedale/Columbia/Romney X Shetland |
| Quantity | 1 ounce | 1 ounce | 1 ounce | 1 ounce | 1 ounce |
| Spinning method – Wheel (type:) or Hand Spindle (type and weight:) | Norwegian | Norwegian | Norwegian | Norwegian | Norwegian |
| Direction spun – | | | | | |
| Singles: S or Z | S | S | S | S | S |
| Plying: S or Z | Z | Z | Z | Z | Z |
| How many plies? | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Wraps per inch: | 12 | 10.5 | 12 | | |
| Yards of finished yarn: | 98 | 70 | 63 | 48 | 48 |
| Yarn category: | Fingering or sock | heavy sock/light sport | sock/sport | DK | DK |
| Method of spinning: Worsted - Semi-worsted - woolen (long draw) - I don't know, I just spin | I don't know, I just spin | I don't know, I just spin | I don't know, I just spin | I don't know, I just spin | I don't know, I just spin |
| How clean was this fiber (well washed? Lots of vegetation? Some vegetation?) | One tiny fleck of a leaf of hay. | It was immaculate. No vegetation. | Occasional flecks of hay | Immaculate | So clean! I have spun with yarn that had more sticks, stems and seeds than a lid of cheap dope. Yours is immaculate! |
| How easy/hard was it to draft and spin? | It was a delight to spin, almost drafting itself. I have never spun such fine yarn before. | It virtually drafted itself. Very easy to spin. | Not bad - the Columbia has a lot of curl which makes it like to spin thicker. | It was magically easy to spin. | Easy |
| What is this fiber's best and worst features? Best: | Fabulous color and fiber length. And I like the touch of lanolin remaining in the yarn. | Beautifully prepared and easy to spin, with a little lanolin left in which is kind to the fingers and makes spinning even easier. And it smells good. | Love the color. Very springy, elastic yarn. | Love the color and the ease of spinning was a treat! | It spins relatively smoothly. Good stitch definition for knitting. |
| Worst: | Ummm... - I dunno. There wasn't really a down side to this. Now I know why people love Corriedale. | It seems to have some short cuts or nepps | It's a bit on the scratchy side. | A bit rough but not as bad as the tan blend. | Rather rough and hairy. |
| Suggested uses for spun yarn: | Soft sockies, mitties, armwarmers. With cables. | hat, mittens, outer garment. Maybe something felted as it seems to full quite nicely. | Outerwear - ski sweater or wrap-style cardigan. | I want a cable-knit shawl out of this. It's my favorite! | Dave Daniels could spin warp thread with this fiber. |
| Would you recommend this fiber to other spinners? Y or N Why? | YES! Because it's delightful stuff. | Oh yes. 1. Because I want you to succeed and prosper. 2. Because it was an enjoyable spin and it's a lovely color. Makes me think of espresso and late-night discussions with earnest struggling poets and artists. | Yes, I enjoyed the springy feel of the Columbia. | No. More for me! (Yes, of course I would. It's lovely fiber!) | Yes. You have gorgeous fiber! |
| Notes: | | On the whole, I like character and texture in my yarn, so the nepps were not a negative, but if someone is trying to spin flawless fingering yarn, they might be a problem. | | | |