



## The Wesleyan Potters, Inc.

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## Standards, and Guidelines for Fibers and Baskets

Please adhere to these Standards and Guidelines to ensure that juried work at Wesleyan Potters is consistent

- All pieces should be current work.
- Any stitching must be neat, matched-up and secure.
- If beads, buttons or other trims are used, they must be firmly attached.
- Pieces should be clean, with no mothballs, perfume or cleaning odors.
- Labels and tags must be attached securely to all fiber pieces. Do not use straight pins to attach them. Iron-on labels are not acceptable. Care instructions and fiber content must be indicated on the tags for all fiber items. The fiber content should be in specific percentages without abbreviations, e.g. "40% cotton/60% silk", not just "cotton/silk" or "40%C/60%S".

### **Woven Items:**

- All pieces must be well-made, with good edges and an even beat. There should be no mistakes in the weave pattern, such as threads not properly caught. There should be no loose or pulled threads.
- All ends must be securely beaten in (no loose ends and no knots used to join ends). Fringes and tassels should be even and well-secured; there should be no unsecured fringes. Knots are permissible only to secure fringes.
- All pieces must be properly finished, especially any cut edges.

### **Knit and Crocheted Items:**

- All pieces must have even stitches and smooth, matched edges.
- All seams must be neat, matched-up and secure, and tail ends must be woven in properly. Knots should neither be seen nor felt (exception: knots are permissible to secure fringes).
- Buttons and other attachments, for example pom-poms, must be attached securely and neatly.

### **Baskets:**

- Rims must be secure and lashing tight.
- Handles should be secure and appropriate to the basket, with no splinters or rough surfaces.

### **Dyed or printed pieces:**

- Pieces must have well finished edges.
- There should be no snags or pulled threads

### **Garments/Sewn Items:**

- Sewn pieces, including felted pieces, must be well-made with neatly finished seams, no loose threads and no visible knots.
- Stitch tension should be balanced.
- Item should be pressed with no unnecessary wrinkles.
- Do not use straight pins to keep multiple pieces together.