

Romney staples should have a well-defined crimp and medium lustre, with a characteristic pointed tip and a round staple.

Fibre diameter: 33-37 microns.

• Staple length: 125-175mm (in a full year's fleece)

Mature or Hogget Fleece weight: 3.5-6.0 kg

Uses: Heavyweight apparel, carpet, drapes, upholstery fabric, blankets.
Romney lamb and fine hogget fleeces are suitable for medium weight apparel.

For the Spinner: Romney is easy to get and easy to spin. A mature Romney fleece is most suitable for heavy woven jackets or knitted work jerseys, furnishing fabric, carpets, mats and drapes, where durability under hard working conditions is required.

Fine soft Romney lamb fleece, which would have a fibre diameter of less than 30 microns, would give soft warmth to a light sweater and would be very special. A hogget fleece (the first taken from the sheep after lamb shearing) is generally the best fleece to spin for other projects.

