

Project	Considerations	Strategies
Hat Cowl or scarf Shawl or wrap	These items don't get a lot of abrasion unless you constantly scratch your neck or rub your head on the ceiling. Long draw yarn will make these accessories very cozy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go for it! You've chosen the perfect yarn!
Mittens, gloves, wrist warmers Socks, slippers	These items take a beating if they're worn frequently. (Socks in particular may not last long when they're made with woolen-drafted yarn.) Choose a strategy to reinforce the yarn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make for a baby or a kid. They grow so fast, they won't have time to wear out the yarn. • Before spinning, blend silk or nylon into your fiber for additional strength (though your yarn will lose some elasticity). • Ply your long draw yarn, finish your long draw yarn to a very felted texture, or full the item after it's knitted/crocheted/woven—the low twist of long draw yarn will create beautiful felt. Bonus: if your yarn is inconsistent, fulling will camouflage the bumps!
Sweaters	Again, cozy warmth and strength have to coexist. Accept the fact that cuffs and armpits—any place that rubs—will pill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to "shave" the garment frequently with a defuzzer. • Apply any of the strategies listed for wearable accessories.
Pillows, throws Placemats, table runners	Table runners are your best option, as they just have to look pretty. Everything else in the home décor category has to withstand frequent handling and/or washing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blend in strong fibers, ply the yarn, felt the yarn, or full the project as described above.