

Fencing



Alpacas have very simple fencing requirements and in most cases the existing fencing on your property will be all you need. Alpacas generally don't challenge a fence or rub up against it.

- Post with five + wire
- Post and batten
- Post and rail
- Strained netting
- Deer fence

All are acceptable for alpaca. Make sure they are in good condition and properly strained.

Avoid

Electric fencing and in particular electric tape. Alpacas have great insulation from their fleece and don't respond to electric fences. These fences are often not as well strained making it easier to get tangled. Barbed wire is also to be avoided

Males & Females

Alpacas will be more like to go through a fence than over it so you may need slightly better fencing to separate intact males from the females. Five wire with battens will prevent most males getting in with your girls.

Weaning

The other time an alpaca will look to go through a fence is when cria are first weaned from their mothers. It is best to keep them out of sight from each other or at least one paddock in between.

Paddock Size

Resist the temptation to cut up smaller and smaller paddocks. Alpacas prefer to have lots of room to roam. . You will find they develop a pattern of grazing in different places at different times of the day. Alpacas are very socially influenced and crowding in small paddocks may introduce social stress to the herd. If you already have small paddocks you can leave gates open for them to move between. .



Strained net fence



Post and five wire fence



Post and batten fence



Post and rail fence