



FABRIC CARE GUIDE

Animal Hair

	Hand Wash	Machine Wash	Dry-clean	Dry Flat	Iron	Dryer	Line Dry	Bleach
Angora	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	No	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid
Alpaca	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	No	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid
Cashmere	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	No	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid
Llama	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	No	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid
Mohair	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	No	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid
Wool (General)	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	Gentle wash and only if manufacturer approved	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid
Wool (Merino)	Cold to warm water. <u>Scrunch, do not wring</u>	Gentle wash and only if manufacturer approved	Yes	Dry flat on towel in shade	Warm, if necessary	No	No. Will stretch out of shape	Avoid

Alpaca

About Alpaca

Alpaca is related to the camel but belongs to the Llama family in South America. It is a long, lustrous fibre. Its colour can be black, brown, beige or white.

Common Alpaca Fabrics

Alpaca is often blended with other hair fibres to reduce the cost of each item.

Recommended Uses

It is often made into chunky, bulky loose knits, and also into domestic furnishings (such as blankets and wall hangings).

Properties

It is thought to be stronger and more insulating than wool.

Care

Use the recommended soap or laundry powder and rinse well. When washing alpaca, **DO NOT RUB IT VIGOROUSLY**, or this will felt (or matt) the alpaca, causing it to shrink *dramatically*. Gently scrunch (**DO NOT WRING**) excess water out.

Lay alpaca garments flat on a towel out of the sun. You must, when laying it flat, press it into the shape and size you want (as it will dry in this shape). Because alpaca is weaker when wet, it's easy to overstretch or distort the shape of the garment.

Alpaca is best ironed slightly damp, using a damp cloth or steam. Always use a press cloth (a layer of fabric between the iron and the alpaca) to prevent a 'shine' on the fabric. Use a medium heat.

Bleaching is not recommended unless it is specific 'wool' bleach.

Alpaca dry-cleans well however there is no guarantee it will not shrink.

Store alpaca completely dry, making sure it has been dry-cleaned or laundered properly. You can store alpaca in plastic bags and it is recommended to use moth balls or naphthalene. Air these garments frequently.

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