



# FABRIC CARE GUIDE

## Animal Hair

	Hand Wash	Machine Wash	Dry-clean	Dry Flat	Iron	Dryer	Line Dry	Bleach
<b>Angora</b>	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
<b>Alpaca</b>	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
<b>Cashmere</b>	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
<b>Llama</b>	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
<b>Mohair</b>	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
<b>Wool (General)</b>	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
<b>Wool (Merino)</b>	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

## Angora

### **About Angora**

This hair comes from the Angora rabbit and is usually white.

It is expensive because the animals are combed every second day, making the fibre very labour-intensive to produce.

### ***Common Angora Fabrics***

Soft knitwear fabrics and hand knitting yarn. It is often blended with wool, silk and synthetic fibres.

### ***Recommended Uses***

It is often made into soft luxurious knitwear and hand knitting yarn.

### ***Properties***

Angora is very warm to the touch and is very soft.

### ***Care***

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

Lay angora 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 angora is weaker when wet, it's easy to overstretch or distort the shape of the garment.

Angora 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 angora) to prevent a 'shine' on the fabric. Use a medium heat.

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

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

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

***INFORMATION REFERENCED FROM:*** *Textiles for Modern Living. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. By E.P.G Gohl*