



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

Cashmere and Llama

About Cashmere and Llama

Cashmere comes from the Tibetan goat.

The name 'cashmere' comes from the Kashmir shawls (early 19th century Europe). The shawls were handcrafted from cashmere in the Kashmir province in India

Fibres can be white, tan or grey in colour. It is expensive because it has to be hand-plucked or hand-combed from the Kashmir goat, and takes between four to six goats to make a jumper, and thirty to forty goats to make an overcoat

Llama is similar to alpaca hair; however the fleece is mainly used as fur

Common Cashmere and Llama Fabrics

Cashmere and Llama are often blended for strength and durability,

Recommended Uses

Cashmere: fine luxurious knitwear, suiting, jackets and overcoats

Llama: jumpers and overcoats

Properties

Cashmere and Llama are very soft to the touch

Care

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

Lay cashmere and Llama 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 these fibres are weaker when wet, it's easy to overstretch or distort the shape of the garment.

Both fibres are best ironed slightly damp, using a damp cloth or steam. Always use a press cloth (a layer of fabric between the iron and the cashmere or Llama) to prevent a 'shine' on the fabric. Use a medium heat.

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

Both fibres dry-clean well however there is no guarantee it will not shrink.

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

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