



# FABRIC CARE GUIDE

## Plant Fibres

|               | Hand Wash                   | Machine Wash    | Dry-clean | Dry Flat | Iron           | Dryer                    | Line Dry | Bleach         |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Coir</b>   | Hot water                   | n/a             | n/a       | Yes      | n/a            | n/a                      | Yes      | Yes            |
| <b>Cotton</b> | Hot water. Separate colours | Hot water       | Yes       | Yes      | Hot with steam | Yes. Can cause shrinkage | Yes      | Yes            |
| <b>Hemp</b>   | Hot water                   | Hot water       | Yes       | Yes      | Hot with steam | Yes                      | Yes      | Yes, with care |
| <b>Jute</b>   | Hot water                   | Hot water       | Yes       | Yes      | Hot with steam | Yes                      | Yes      | Yes, with care |
| <b>Linen</b>  | Any temperature             | Any temperature | Yes       | Yes      | Hot with steam | Yes                      | Yes      | Yes, with care |

### Jute

#### About Jute

Jute is obtained in a similar way to flax (linen), and is a strong, creamy, light brown fibre and is often blended with cotton.

#### Common Jute Fabrics

Used for sacking and carpet backing.

#### Recommended Uses

Much of the jute fibre is still used for bags and sacks. These are semi-disposable, strong, cheap and durable.

Jute is also used for carpet backing, linoleum and other floor coverings.

#### Properties

Jute is similar to linen. Sunlight rapidly deteriorates jute.

#### Care

Wash in any temperature. Line dry when wet to save excess ironing. Use a hot iron with steam. It can be bleached (with care), dyed and dry-cleaned.

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