

Washing instructions

With the correct love and care, your garment will last for many years to come. Following my 10 steps to a successful wash will ensure your garment maintains its appearance over the years.

1. Fill a washbasin, with enough warm water to cover your garment.
2. Place into this your soap powder or liquid and swish it about till it is all dissolved into the water.
3. Now emerge your garment and push into the water till it is thoroughly wet. Leave in this water for at least 5 minutes.
4. Push your garment in a squashing motion into the base of the basin squeezing out the water with each push. Do this for a few minutes. If there have been any really dirty spots, rub with a little mild soap, but do not wring to twist garment.
5. Let the water out of the basin pushing the garment down at the same time till all water is gone. When you lift your garment from the basin keep it in a tight ball to avoid stretching.
6. Add clean water, the same temperature as the washing water into the basin. Put your garment into this clean water and push down to release the soapy water and fill with rinsing water then leave for another 5 minutes.
7. Repeat from step 5 to step 7 again.
8. Squeeze out as much water as possible then roll garment in absorbent towel and lightly wring or squeeze towel to remove more water.
9. Unwrap garment from towel and lay it flat to dry on a bed or table covered with a fresh dry towel.
10. Shape garment to proper size and dimension and leave to dry out of the direct sunlight.

Don'ts for your garment.

- Don't use the wool cycle of the washing machine as it will turn to felt in a short time.
- Don't scrub, with or without soap and this will matt the fibres.
- Don't lift the garment when it is full of water as the weight of the water may cause it to stretch.
- Don't dry in direct sunlight as it can fade the colour.
- Don't hang on a line to dry as this can flatten the yarn and leave a line across the garment.
- Don't hang your garment in the wardrobe as the weight of the wool will leave bumps on the shoulders till the next wash.
- Don't press your garment with a direct iron but lightly use a steam iron with the temperate on wool or put a wet cloth between the iron and your garment.