

Angora Hand Washing Instructions

First, wash the angoras in tepid water, and never expose them to direct heat.

Heat leads to shrinking. Never wring or stretch when wet !

Dry flat to keep them from elongating. Never iron !

Fill a tub or sink with tepid water and a very small amount of a mild specialist wool/cashmere/angora wash solution.

Immerse the sweater, and swish gently, taking care not to stretch it. Soak for no more 10 minutes.

The angora doesn't like the change in temperature ! So don't let the water go from warm to cold !

Ball up the sweater gently, and squeeze out the water without wringing or stretching. Discard water, and refill tub with clean, tepid water (same temperature as the wash). Place sweater in filled tub, and swish to rinse. (Avoid putting it directly under running water; the pressure can stretch it.) Repeat with clean water until detergent is gone.

After gently squeezing out water, lay the sweater on a white towel on a flat surface (a white towel prevents dye transfer). Gently roll the towel and sweater together to remove moisture, squeezing and pressing as you work.

Dry the sweater on a flat, moisture-resistant surface, preferably mesh, which lets air circulate. Keep it away from sun and heat. Coax the sweater back into its shape, squaring the shoulders, placing the sleeves parallel to the body, and squaring the hem.

Help cardigans keep their shape by buttoning them before washing.

* Fifi recommends brushing the cardigan with a soft 'baby' brush after washing, once dry. To remove any loose extra angora fibres and to fluff up the pile of your knit !