

Care Instructions for Knitted Hats/Garments

Caring for your knitted items, will prolong their life and keep them looking good for years.

Please read all the instructions before washing garment/hat as it will help you get the overall idea.

Knit hats, gloves, cowls, scarves are all washed the same.

After the season or 6-12 months you'll need to hand wash your hat. Oils will disintegrate garment fibers.

Step 1. Before washing check your hat for leaves, bugs, hair or anything else and take them out.

Step 2. Wash in cold water by filling a kitchen sink with cold water and 1 teaspoon of dish soap or baby detergent/liquid. Soak hat for 10 minutes.

Step 3. Gently lift hat in and out of the water. Do not rub yarns together or they will pile and look worn out afterwards.

Step 4. Drain water.

Step 5. Rinse hat in cold water, under faucet. Soap left in hat, will attract dirt and make hat look dull.

Step 6. Fill sink with cold water again-no soap, and put hat in sink for 10 minutes.

Step 7. Repeat Step 5.

Step 8. Roll hat, in sink to drain off excess water.

Step 9. Roll hat on a towel, to absorb more water. Do this until you are happy the hat is not dripping wet.

Step 10. Air-Dry your hat flat on a towel covered cookie sheet. Do not put your hat in the dryer! You could put it in on the Air Dry Cycle only, if you have one. Dry by itself only for 10 minutes. If your hat is 100% cotton and you've stretched it out, you can put a damp hat in the dryer on the low/gentle cycle for 10 minutes then, air dry. Your hat will shrink a bit and fit great!

Step 11. When hat is mostly dry re-shape/block your hat to look like your hat. Also, slide both of your hands inside the brim and stretch gently to the size it used to be and let dry.

**If you had stretched out your hat just by wearing it or pulling on it too much, do not stretch your hat when it is wet.

Step 12. Drying your hat on a boot dryer is a really good option for speeding up the process. Boot dryers are inexpensive and are so useful for drying more than boots. Do dry your hat on **low**, for a longer period of time. Do not leave boot dryer on when sleeping or not at home.

Step 13. Only when your hat is completely dry should you pack your hat up for the season you need it in.

Caution: Wet clothing will mold if packed and not completely dry. It does take about a week or two for your hat to dry completely depending on your environment.

Do not dry your hat in the sun, as the colors will fade and the fibers will become unwound. Do not dry your hat in your oven as it will catch your house on fire. Do not dry your hat in small appliances either. Also, do not dry your hat on a heater of any kind. Don't leave your hat on the dashboard of your car, it will fade. Please keep your hat or garment away from where babies and children are, to prevent suffocation and strangulation. Please don't get your garments caught in heavy machinery.

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Every customer will/did receive a packet of matching yarns for minor repairs they can do themselves.

Repairs are needed when animals play with hat or you pull on the brim with your nails or you get snagged on a tree branch while wearing your hat. You can also use fabric glue to get yarns where you want them.

Just use a tiny bit and tuck the strand of yarn to the inside of the hat, or under stitches and let dry for day.

Be sure you wash and dry your hat before repairs, so the repairs last longer. All buttons and other embellishments have been sewn on very tightly but do check them, if pets have played with them.

Please contact me for any questions of care of your garment. Enjoy! TFS 