



# WASHING RAW WOOL...

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BEGIN WITH THE HOTTEST WATER AVAILABLE. USE TWICE THE VOLUME OF WATER THAN THE WOOL YOU ARE WASHING. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND USING A PURE SOAP SUCH AS ORVUS PASTE, AS IT NOT ONLY CLEANS WELL, BUT IT RINSES OUT WELL TOO. IF THE FLEECE IS PARTICULARLY DIRTY, YOU CAN USE DAWN DISH WASHING LIQUID.

THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT WILL CAUSE FELTING. 1. CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE FROM HOT TO COLD OR VICE VERSA, AND... 2. AGITATION. KEEPING THIS IN MIND, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

1. DRAW YOUR HOT WATER AND ADD ABOUT 1 TABLESPOON OF ORVUS PASTE PER POUND OF WOOL. (IF USING DAWN, ADD ABOUT TWO TEASPOONS PER POUND). GENTLY SWIRL THE SOAP INTO THE WATER AVOIDING SUDS.
2. LAY YOUR WOOL ON TOP OF THE WATER AND GENTLY PUSH DOWN UNTIL IT IS BELOW THE SURFACE. I USE A SANDED WOODEN DOWEL FOR THIS. LEAVE YOUR WOOL IN THIS HOT WATER BATH FOR 20–30 MINUTES. USING A PAIR OF RUBBER GLOVES, GENTLY REACH IN AND SQUEEZE/RELEASE THE WOOL. NOTE THE TEMPERATURE OF THE WATER AT THIS POINT.
3. REMOVE THE WOOL FROM THE WATER, GENTLY SQUEEZING IT TO REMOVE EXCESS WATER. POUR OUT THE DIRTY WATER AND REFILL WITH FRESH WATER THE SAME TEMPERATURE AS THE WATER YOU Poured OUT. REPEAT STEP 2 FOR RINSING.
4. IF THERE IS STILL SOAP REMAINING, RINSE AGAIN REPEATING STEP 3, THEN STEP 2.
5. AFTER RINSING, LAY YOUR WOOL IN A DRY AREA, OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT. ALLOW AT LEAST 2 DAYS TO DRY. I LIKE TO LAY MINE ON A SCREEN SO THAT THE AIR CIRCULATES ABOVE AND BELOW. REMEMBER, WOOL CAN FEEL DRY WHEN STILL HOLDING A LOT OF MOISTURE.

**\*\*HINT: TO FACILITATE DRYING, YOU CAN PUT YOUR WET WOOL INTO ZIPPERED MESH SWEATER BAGS AND RUN THROUGH A "DRY" SPIN CYCLE OF YOUR WASHING MACHINE. TURN OFF ANY WATER SUPPLY FIRST!**

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