

Alpaca, Wool, Cotton, and Other textile materials

The Alpaca originated from **Peru**. They were thought to be domesticated by the Indians of the Andes Mountains.(6) They live in the high mountain foot hills. Now Vicunga pacos can be found all over **South America** in **Bolivia, Ecuador, and Chile**.

Care: Best result Dry Clean or **Rinse** the garment twice in **clean**, cold water and gently squeeze out the excess. Be gentle **handling** it to avoid wrinkles and distortion. Lay the garment between two towels, roll up the towels and set it aside for a few minutes. Place the garment on a **dry** towel or sweater rack and reshape (do not hang to **dry** and do not **machine dry**).

Wool. Wool, animal fibre forming the protective covering, or **fleece**, of sheep or of other hairy mammals, such as goats and camels. Prehistoric man, clothing himself with sheepskins, eventually learned to make yarn and fabric from their fibre covering.

Care for Wool:Empty pockets after every wearing to keep them from bulging or sagging. Treat small stains by rinsing them with cold water or seltzer and then blotting them dry with a clean cloth. If the garment is labeled "hand wash," clean it using your washer's hand wash or **wool** cycle with cool water (do not hang to **dry** and do not **machine dry**).

COTTON The first evidence of cotton use was found in India and Pakistan, and dates from about 6,000 B.C. Scientists believe that cotton was first cultivated in the Indus delta. The species used in ancient South Asia were *Gossypium herbaceum* and *Gossypium arboretum* which originated in India and Africa.

Caring for 100% cotton clothes is easier than what most people think of. When **handwashing** is not an option, the delicate cycle on your machine is preferred. The use of cold water is recommended. If you feel you must, then warm water but never hot water unless you intend to have the **cotton** item to shrink. We recommend to hang to dry at all possible.

Other Textiles: Wash in cold water, hang to dry or dry in delicate cycle for a few minutes.