



How to Wash and Dry Patagonia Sweater

How to wash a cashmere, merino, or wool sweater.

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INTRODUCTION

Sweaters must be hand-washed to prevent warping. Fortunately, hand-washing is easy. Follow these easy steps to a clean sweater. If you have a stain, check out our [spot-washing guide](#).

We recommend a detergent with as few chemicals as possible, such as Seventh Generation, which is linked in the tools section of this guide.

TOOLS:

- [Seventh Generation Natural Liquid Laundry Soap \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — How to Wash and Dry Patagonia Sweater



- Fill the sink with cool water.

 Never wash a sweater in hot water as it can cause the sweater to shrink.

- Add some gentle liquid detergent to the water.
- *i* Each brand of detergent is different, so you'll need to read the label on your bottle to know how much to add. For most soaps, a tablespoon is plenty.

Step 2



- Mix the soap into the water with your hand.

Step 3



- Submerge the sweater in the soapy water.
- Gently press down to make sure that the entire sweater is in the water.
- Allow the sweater to soak for 15-20 minutes.

Step 4



- Drain the sink and rinse the sweater, squeezing it gently in your hands to release all the extra soap and water.

 Never twist or wring out a sweater as this can distort the fibers.

Step 5



- Place a towel on a waterproof surface.
- Lay the sweater out on the towel.
- Gently lay the sweater flat, lightly stretching it to its proper size.

⚠ Do not over stretch the sweater.

- Lay the sleeves out flat, gently stretching them to their proper size.
- Allow the sweater to lay undisturbed until it is dry.

ⓘ Never hang-dry a sweater, as it can stretch or warp the fibers.