

***Fantasy Fibers, is now set up to wash your fiber. Printable Washing Instructions***  
***You can have us do the work for you or do it yourself. Clean grease-free materials are essential for quality processing. If you choose to do the washing yourself, please be sure to follow the instructions below. You will receive the highest, quality processing for the lowest cost.***

## *Washing Instructions*

Processing requires clean, grease-free wool and mohair (llama, alpaca, dog and some other exotic fibers should be washed in warm water and do not need large amounts of detergent). Clean fiber is not difficult to achieve and will produce a higher quality product. Two methods are detailed below. Regardless of which method you choose, keep in mind, three (3) key points to good cleaning:

1. **VERY HOT WATER**
2. **LOTS of DETERGENT**
3. **NO AGITATION**



## *Using A Washing Machine*

1. ***Fill the washer with very hot water***, as hot as you can get out of your water heater. If you have set the water temperature down on your water heater, you may want to add some boiling water, heated on the stove. Add four to five times the amount of liquid detergent that you would use for a similar size load of clothes. Turn off washer. Put fleece in washer tub, using a dowel or broom handle. Close the lid and let soak for about 45 minutes. ***Don't let the water get cold and do not turn washer on.***
  2. ***Turn washer to the end of the SPIN cycle.*** Spin the water out of fleece. Lift fleece out and wipe inside of washer with a paper towel.
  3. ***Fill the washer back up with very hot water.*** Put fleece back in and let soak for about 30 minutes with lid closed. ***Don't let the water get cold and do not turn washer on.***
  4. Turn washer to the end of the SPIN cycle. Spin the water out of fleece. At this point, some fleece may be ready to dry. If fleece is especially fine or dirty, you may need to repeat the wash, rinse steps again. Mohair often needs multiple washes as does merino, rambouillet and sometimes other finer wools.
  5. Some fleece may need one last rinse. Use hot water and about one-half cup of white vinegar and soak fleece 30 minutes, then spin out.
  6. Spread fleece on window screens or some other open supports to air dry.
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## *Using a bath tub or other large container*

Using very hot water and the same amount of detergent as above, follow essentially the same steps as for the washer method. The key to washing in some kind of tub is to have a container that you can lift the wet fleece into so that you don't have your fill water running directly on the fleece.

Some type of net made from chicken wire or heavy-duty fabric mesh can be made to help contain the fleece for lifting but the more open the fleece can be in the water, the cleaner you can get it in fewer wash and rinse sequences.

Any liquid detergent, ***without bleach***, should work fine. However, be cautious of products with conditioners. They can leave a residue on fiber, which after time or when exposed to heat will become tacky causing nepping, noiling fiber damage and impede the carding process.

*The bottom line for getting a fleece clean is:*

**1. VERY HOT WATER**

**2. LOTS of DETERGENT**

**3. NO AGITATION!**