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# Sheepskin Care Instructions

SHEEPSKIN IS EASY-CARE...PROMISE





## Caring for Sheepskin It's Simple

It is easy to look after sheepskin and still enjoy all the benefits of this wonderful natural fibre.

Sheepskin is very easy to look after. The fibre's unique structure gives it a natural durability and robustness. It even repels dirt! Even so, a little care and attention won't go astray.

### Rules of the wool and a few things to remember

- Avoid direct sunlight. This stops UV damage or fading of darker shaded products.
- Shake rugs, cushions, bean bags regularly, if it can handle a shake, liven it up!
- Dry vacuum rugs regularly with a plain suction unit.
- Attend to spills and stains as promptly as possible.
- Dyed product should be dry-cleaned only. No revolving/rotating/turbo/beater bar attachments.

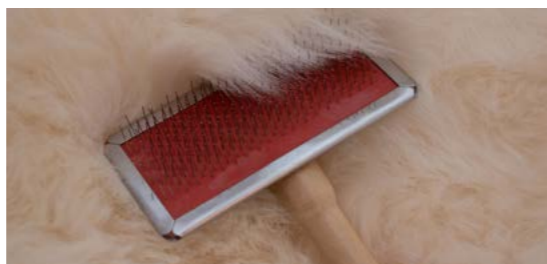


**Turbo and revolving brush vacuum cleaners can damage the wool fibre and cause "frizziness". These are a strict NO!**



### General Care

Regular vacuuming with a plain suction vacuum cleaner will help to maintain wool fibres. Longer wool rugs benefit from occasional brushing with a wire pet brush (pet slicker pad). Small spills can be sponged off with a damp cloth. Avoid exposure to strong direct sunlight as UV will damage the natural fibres and may fade or discolour dyed sheepskins. Do not store in damp or wet conditions as the natural leather pelt may deteriorate. Follow these few care instructions and you will extend the lasting beauty of our products



### Brushing

Brushing is effective on unshorn, long wool products only. After washing, the wool fibers will likely revert back to their natural curly state. Brushing with a wire wool comb when wet, and once dry, will help restore the fluffy appearance and natural "loft" of the fibers.



**Please ask your nearest sales office about an Auskin sheepskin care brush.**

### Drying

Air-dry your sheepskin by hanging it on a line or laying it out flat – although please remember, not in direct sunlight. It is important to stretch sheepskin during the drying process, this helps to retain the shape and prevent excessive shrinkage. You would be brave to tumble dry, iron or bleach your sheepskin – please do not do this!

### Washing

Dogs, pets and children all love sheepskin, but rest assured small stains and light soiling can be spot cleaned easily with a damp cloth and mild detergent. For a more thorough clean, and to gain the best result, dry-cleaning is recommended.

Auskin natural sheepskins can be hand or machine-washed in warm water (40°C/104°F) using a mild liquid detergent that is suitable for hand washing dishes, on a 'gentle' wash cycle. Please note that machine or hand washing may affect the appearance of the natural wool fibers and the leather pelt.

Products with cotton or other backing material are generally not suitable for machine or hand washing. Dry cleaning is recommended for any products with backing materials. It is best to dry clean dyed products as colours may bleed.



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# Washing Instructions

Hand or machine wash in warm water, gentle washing cycle. Use a mild liquid detergent that is suitable for hand washing dishes.

- **Note: 40°C is equivalent to 104°F**
- **Do not bleach**
- **Dry flat or on a line**
- **Do not tumble dry**
- **Do not iron**
- **Dry cleaning is recommended**





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# Spills and Stains

**To avoid permanent damage, accidental spills and stains should be dealt with immediately.**

Before using any stain treatment, make sure you have 'contained the stain'. This will stop it spreading further. Note that different types of stains require specific cleaning methods.

## Soiling

The most common culprit for soiling is the dreaded 'dirty shoes on the rug' scenario. A cleverly positioned front door mat can stop potential offenders traipsing their way through the home with weapons of rug destruction on their feet. Dirty disaster avoided!

## Staining bonds

Staining occurs when pigments chemically bond with wool fibre. Once this bonding has taken place, removing the stain without some damage to the wool pile can be extremely difficult. It is very important to attend to spills and stains promptly.

Frequent and moderate cleaning is advised. This will help to avoid more serious measures to recover sheepskin products to their full glory.



## Dealing with liquid stains

### DO 'contain the stain'

- Blot up liquids immediately using a paper towel or clean cloth. In the event of any large area spills, we would recommend putting a clean towel down and standing on it to absorb as much liquid as possible.
- Scoop up solids immediately using a knife or spoon – try not to push the substance further into the wool pile.

### DON'T 'treat it mean'

- Don't rub wet wool pile... ever! This will damage the wool pile and can spread the stain further.
- Don't drown the wool in water or any other liquid. This may cause watermarks on the surface and/or damage the backing of rugs.

**Want more information about dealing with wool skin stains? Click below.**

[STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE](#)

## Wet Stain Remover

We recommend the use of a Wet Stain Remover for liquid stains. But, again, you must firmly blot up the stain first before applying any stain treatment.

If you don't have any 'Wet Stain Remover', dilute the area with lukewarm water (not hot water) and re-blot thoroughly using a clean dry towel or paper towel. Make sure that you do not rub the stain. You can continue to gently apply water and re-blot. The wool pile will not be damaged by water as long as you don't over-wet the wool. The good news is most oily or greasy stains can be removed, even after a period of time.

We have prepared a specific Stain Removal Guide that contains everything you need to know about stain removal.

[STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE](#)



## Just Remember...

- Do not place this sheepskin in direct sunlight. Colour fading will occur.
- Colour transfer from sheepskin may occur with perspiration or moisture.
- Soak up spills promptly with a damp cloth.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to solvent based surfaces.

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