



Caring for your alpaca apparel is essential to ensure it remains in good condition and retains its softness and warmth. Alpaca fleece is known for its luxurious qualities, but it requires some special care compared to other fibres. We will always include care instructions with every purchase and you can always email us [hello@herdalpacaapparel.co.uk](mailto:hello@herdalpacaapparel.co.uk) if you need any further assistance.

Here are some tips on how to care for your alpaca garment:

- **Read the Care Label:** Always check the care label on your alpaca apparel for specific care instructions. Different blends and finishes may have slightly different requirements. We will always include care instructions with every purchase.
- **Hand Washing:** Hand washing is the best method for cleaning alpaca apparel. Use cold or lukewarm water and a mild detergent specifically designed for wool or delicates. Never use harsh detergents or bleach.
- **Gentle Agitation:** Gently agitate the water to clean the garment without causing excessive friction. Do not rub or wring, as this can cause stretching and damage.
- **Rinse Thoroughly:** Rinse the garment in cool water until all the detergent is washed out. You may need to repeat this step a few times to ensure there is no residue left.
- **Squeeze Out Excess Water:** Press the water out of the garment by gently squeezing it. Do not twist or wring the fabric.
- **Lay Flat to Dry:** Lay the garment flat on a clean towel to dry. Reshape it to its original dimensions, taking care not to stretch it. Avoid hanging alpaca products as this can cause them to stretch out of shape.
- **Avoid Direct Sunlight:** Never dry your alpaca apparel in direct sunlight or near a direct heat source, as this can cause it to become brittle and lose its softness.
- **Use a Mesh Bag:** When washing your alpaca garment in a washing machine, place it in a mesh laundry bag to protect it from abrasion and tangling with other items. Use the gentle cycle with cold water and a wool or delicate detergent. Be sure to remove it promptly after the cycle finishes.
- **Storage:** Store your alpaca apparel in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. To prevent moths, you can use mothballs or cedar blocks in your storage area.
- **Avoid Heavy Use:** Alpaca fleece is delicate, so avoid wearing your garment in situations where it might encounter excessive friction or snagging.
- **Pilling:** Alpaca garments may develop small balls of fibre (pills) on the surface over time. You can remove these pills with a fabric shaver or a sweater comb.
- **Professional Cleaning:** If your alpaca garment is heavily soiled or stained, it's best to seek professional dry cleaning services to avoid damage.