

# 6 Easy Tips for Best Sweater Care

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It's finally starting to feel like summer is coming, so most likely the last thing on your mind is your cold weather sweater pieces (including both sweaters and sweater dresses). If you're anything like us, closet space is a hot commodity so your warmer items are most likely on their way to (or already in) be stored for the summer months under your bed or in your attic.

Before you pack up all your beloved cold weather sweater pieces, stop for one second and consider: what state are you leaving them in to wait for colder weather? Are they clean? Did you store them properly? Will they look brand new when you dig them out of your boxes come October?

Since we love our sweater pieces, we decided to share some helpful tips on how to best care for them, so they can last you a lifetime.

## 1. How to wash your sweater pieces

Part of keeping your sweater pieces looking fresh and new is washing it properly, especially before you put it away for the season. Here are some simple rules to follow:

- Turn your piece inside out before washing it.
- You can wash your sweater pieces on the gentle cycle for 5 minutes in a mesh bag. Remove it after five minutes. If you want to wash more than one piece at a time, simply put each one in a separate mesh bag.
- If you don't have a washing machine with a gentle cycle or timed washing setting, you can also hand wash your favorite sweater pieces in cool water.





#### 4. Get rid of pilling with some TLC

Pilling refers to the small balls of fabric that collect on your sweater pieces. Although they can be a bit annoying, there are actually quite a few solutions:

- One of the simplest ways of reducing pilling is to turn your garment inside out when you wash it. For more details on how to prevent pilling through your garment care, read this article. [laundry.about.com/od/laundryproblems/f/preventpilling.htm](https://laundry.about.com/od/laundryproblems/f/preventpilling.htm)
- It might sound silly, but you can actually comb your sweater with a special sweater comb or pumice stone to brush out pilling.
- You can shave off excess pilling with a special electric shaver built to remove pillings.
- PopSugar has a great how-to video on these options. Be sure to check it out.



#### 5. Fix that snag/pull and make the sweater pretty again

We love how comfortable sweater pieces are, the downside of sweater material is though, that it snags much more easily than woven fabric because of the structure of the fabric. However, do not sweat, it is actually much easier than you think to fix the snag/pull. Watch this YouTube video how to easily fix a snag pull. ([https://youtu.be/--tHHF\\_MP\\_A](https://youtu.be/--tHHF_MP_A)) All you need is just a needle!



#### 6. How to remove wrinkles from a sweater

Sweaters by nature is less prone to getting wrinkled than wovens, but they still get wrinkled sometimes. We find the best and easiest way to remove the wrinkles is by steaming the sweater. In this video below, you will see how easy it is to remove the sweater wrinkles using steamer. This technique applies to all sweaters, not just cashmere sweater.



And if you don't want to invest in or having space for a regular steamer which usually takes a lot of space, try this portable steamer which works just as well. We use it often and absolutely love it!

We think one of the best feelings in the world is finding a fashion item that you adore and that looks amazing on you, but why let that feeling fade as it gets worn out before its time? Instead, follow these simple tips that will leave your sweater pieces looking like you just bought it yesterday. You can keep on loving your clothing you

already have, rather than spending your time and money to invest in new ones. Whether your sweater pieces are heading into storage for the season, or you have sweater pieces for the warmer months, these tips will leave your wardrobe looking fresh and clean regardless of when you invested in it.

- Use special laundry detergent to hand wash, or use baby shampoo!
- Do not leave it soaking for more than a few minutes.
- Gently squeeze or press out the excess water – do not wring!
- Lay flat to dry.
- If needed, iron on low with garment still inside out.

#### 2. How to store your sweater pieces

For all you hanger maniacs out there, back away from your knit clothing!

- Do not hang your sweater pieces on hangers, as it will cause it to stretch out and be misshapen over time.
- Keep your sweater pieces folded neatly.
- Use cedar balls to keep away moths, or (if you have to hang up your clothing), use cedar hangers.
- According to Esquire, if you do find any moth holes, you can put your clothing item in the freezer for 48

hours to kill any moth eggs, and then hand wash.

- If you are storing your sweater pieces for the season, make sure it is completely dry and clean before you put it away.
- Be sure to store it in a place that is cool and dry.

#### 3. Fix any deodorant stains easily

When you wear a piece that is next to skin, no matter how careful you are, you are likely to get deodorant stains on it. But no worries, we have a easy and quick solution for you to fix this.

- For a quick fix, rub the stain with a dryer sheet. It works like magic, and we recommend even keeping one or two sheets in your desk just in case the need arises.
- You can also check out this article for more easy tricks to quickly get rid of unflattering deodorant stains.