

Washing Wool Cheat Sheet

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Remember to maintain consistent water temperature throughout the process to prevent felting. Here are the steps to wash wool using Unicorn Power Scour:

1. Prepare the wool:
 - Skirt the fleece to remove debris, dirt, and damaged sections.
 - Sort through the wool and organize the locks so that they are all lying in the same direction.
2. The first soak:
 - Fill a container with hot water (around 140°F or 60°C).
 - Lay rows of the wool locks into a mesh bag lining the locks cut end to tip of the following row.
 - Don't stack your wool any higher than 2 inches (don't squash it down), this will ensure a thorough cleaning.
 - Place the bag of wool into the water and press into the bin until submerged
 - Allow to rest in the water overnight or for several hours to allow initial debris to fall through the mesh to the bottom of the water bin.
3. First wash:
 - Remove the bag from the soaking water. Dispose of water outside. Squeeze out excess water from wool working gently so as not to felt the wool.
 - Fill the container with hot water again.
 - Add ¼" tsp of Unicorn Power Scour or other wool wash to the bin
 - Gently press the mess bag of fiber into the water.
 - Soak for 15 minutes
 - Remove the bag, squeeze out excess water, and dispose of the dirty water.
4. Repeat washing until water runs clear
 - Following directions in step 3 continue to clean wool until water runs clear.
5. Rinse
 - Rinse the wool in hot water gently swishing it around the container to remove soap. Do not agitate too much or it will felt.
6. Dry
 - Lay the wool out to dry on a sweater drying rack or window screen.