

# WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

## for your SAORI woven work

If you intend to wear...

### General Care

1. Open weaving inside the washing machine\*. Loosely soak into plenty of warm water (85-100°F) with gentle soap such as Woolite or Eucalan\*\*. Set to gentle cycle for 3-7 minutes checking felting and washing process often. Be sure to pause washing machine when checking and untwisting the woven fabric.

\*For a small woven piece, you may hand-wash.

\*\*Eucalan is available at Loop of the Loom.

2. Rinse with lukewarm water (65-85°F) for 2-3 minutes. Set machine to shorter, gentle spin cycle. For a small woven piece, you may wring by hand.
3. Remove from washing machine, stretch and shape to your liking. Set iron to medium-low temperature and iron while still damp. Be sure to use a press cloth between the iron and the woven piece to avoid scorching.
4. Lay flat or hang and allow to dry naturally. Once the weaving is dry the shape is set and cannot be changed.

### For Wool

You can create a softer texture on your woven piece by felting it (interconnecting the fibers). Though a bit scary for beginners, using a washing machine is recommended. Wash with warm water on gentle cycle.

### For A Piece Using Wool Fleece

Gently rub soapy water with hands over portion containing wool fleece until it has lightly felted with surrounding warp threads. Continue with basic wool care instructions above.

### For Silk

Gently hand wash your item before shaping it with a warm iron. Be sure to use a press cloth between the iron and the woven piece to avoid scorching.

Note: A loosely woven piece will have more shrinkage during washing while a more densely woven piece will shrink less due to the space between the warp and the weft.

If you don't intend to wear...

As an artistic piece, tapestry or curtains, it is best to treat your work with spray starch and an iron, if needed, in place of washing in order to maintain a good shape.