

CARING FOR PERINO KNITWEAR

Perino knitwear can be scoured and milled in side-loaded or front-loading programmable rotary machines. The actual finish however will vary depending on:

- Yarn count and twist
- Colour
- The average fineness of the fibre in the blend overall
- The actual percentage of New Zealand Brushtail possum fibre
- The cover factor or knitting density - we suggest you knit 25-30% looser in stitch length
- The structure of the fabric
- The type of washing machine, and
- Water hardness.

What follows is our guidelines for finishing. Please finish test pieces to check the outcome BEFORE you finish in bulk.

Scouring and milling in fully programmable washing machines

The full cycle may take approximately 30 minutes. Our starting recommendations are:

1. **Wash cycle:** Static fill, high water level, 35-40°C (max) with a small amount of soap (milling agent is not needed), wash for 2-3 minutes. Drop water and extract for 2-3 minutes.
2. **First rinse cycle:** Static fill, high water level, cold water, wash for 2-3 minutes. Drop water and extract for 2-3 minutes.
3. **Second rinse cycle:** Static fill, medium water level, add a small amount of softener if required, wash for 1-2 minutes. Drop water and extract for 6-7 minutes on high speed.

Drying

Tumble dry on medium heat. Do not overload the machine. Allow for plenty of air to help the Perino knitted fabric dry more easily.

Additional notes for fully programmable washing machines

- Do not overfill the machine with product. Example: for a 25kg machine, load with approximately 10-12kgs (about half the drum)
- Small changes in washing times may significantly increase the fibre burst. Due to the low scale structure on the Perino fibre it is very easy to felt the fabric with very low changes in washing times.

For non fully programmable machines

Please contact us.