

LAUNDRY SYMBOL CHEAT SHEET

Understanding the Laundry and Care Symbols on Your Yarn Label

Many companies print laundry and care symbols on their yarn labels. These are universal symbols adapted from the fashion industry, and they serve to help you take better care of your knitted items. But they're not always intuitive to read! Below, we have provided a set of the common yarn-label care symbols with their relevant

meanings. Print this out and keep it with your stash. Consider these guidelines for both the yarn and the finished knitted item.

Note: The more dots in a symbol mean the hotter the temperature can be (when washing, ironing, drying, etc).

SYMBOL	DIRECTIONS
	Iron at any temp, can use steam
	Iron at low temp (max 230 degrees F)
	Iron at medium temp (max 300 degrees F)
	Iron at high temp (max 390 degrees F)
	Do not iron
	Machine wash
	Machine wash cold (max 80 degrees F)
	Machine wash warm (max 105 degrees F)
	Machine wash hot (max 120 degrees F)
	Machine wash hot (max 194 degrees F)
	Do not wash
	Hand wash
	Dry clean with any solvent except tetrachloroethylene*
	Wet clean**
	Dry clean with any solvent
	Dry clean with petroleum solvent only

SYMBOL	DIRECTIONS
	Tumble dry
	Dry, low heat
	Dry, medium heat
	Do not put in dryer
	Do not dry clean
	Do not bleach
	Air dry
	Hang dry
	Dry flat
	Drip dry
	Wring out excess moisture
	Do not wring

*Chemical commonly used for spot removal in dry cleaning and for metal degreasing. ** Wet cleaning is a professional alternative to dry cleaning.

