

## **Washing Handknit Woolens**<sup>TM</sup> Nancy's Knit Knacks LLC © 2000

Wool is a natural fiber, meant to get wet. Washing enhances the properties of wool. Dry cleaning chemicals may destroy those properties and cause it to feel hard and uncomfortable. Felting and shrinking occur with temperature changes and agitation. Keep the same water temperature for all cycles and do not agitate. Up to 3 sweaters of similar color can be washed at a time. If concerned about colors running, use cool water only.

Note: Use this process for hand knitted items only (do not wash suits, skirts, etc.).

1. Fill the washing machine ½ full of warm water.
2. Add a couple of squirts of baby shampoo or Dawn® dish detergent.
3. TURN MACHINE OFF. DO NOT ALLOW IT TO ENTER THE WASH CYCLE.
4. To Wash: place sweater(s) in water, let sink down. Do not poke or swish.
5. Let soak for 20 minutes.
6. Turn machine to spin cycle: spin the water out