



Ritter Decken®

Maintenance instructions

For classic woven wool blankets, camel hair blankets, alpaca blankets, cashmere blankets, yak blankets and plaids from natural hair.

Natural hair blankets do not need to be washed.

We recommend that you do not wash your natural hair blanket before use, because the blankets are washed extensively, in the manufacturing process, with natural soap and are hygienic to use straight away. Additional finishes, e.g. softeners, are not contained in your natural hair blanket. Your natural hair blanket is only handled mechanically and contains no chemical additives.

Natural protection against soiling - residual fat content of wool and hair

Wool blankets and natural hair blankets from Ritter blankets are protected by their natural residual fat content of 1-2% on the wool.

Stains emergency (liquids such as coffee, red wine, juice)

Don't worry, just wash away stains with water.

Direct a light jet of water at the sink as soon as possible onto the stain, and the red wine or Coffee is carried down by the water into the catch basin and simply washed away. Hold the soiled surface at an angle downwards so that the water jet can clean the soiling and drip off. Preferably in the sink or in your bathtub. The stain does not need to be soaked because it is at the surface. Then let the natural hair blanket air dry, done.

Body sweat is neutralized

The natural chemical structure of the wool ensures that body sweat is neutralized. Even after several years of use, a natural hair blanket will not smell unpleasant.

Wool and hair have a built-in ability to regenerate

As is usual with wool products, simply hang them out occasionally in the fresh air with high humidity in a protected area. The fibres recover and the blanket regenerates ideally.

Storage

If you don't use the blanket for a long time and put it in a closet in winter, I recommend you to store the blanket in an airtight polybag or plastic bag. This rules out contamination with possible moth damage.

Steam

With the application of steam from the steam iron, compressed wool straightens and regenerates. Please do not iron! Basically, this is the more intensive variant of "hanging out in high humidity".

Laundry

We recommend not washing the high-quality natural hair blankets and plaids. Should you nevertheless want to wash the blanket after a few years, please note the following:

Wool washing program in the washing machine

Please wash the blanket separately! Additional loading of the washing machine causes more friction and promotes springing and matting of the natural hair, which should be avoided.

Please choose a gentle wool washing program with the lowest possible washing temperature, hand washing program (if available), cold or max. 30° Celsius. Please use a gentle wool detergent or simply a commercially available conditioner (hair conditioner) that you add to the main wash cycle. A conditioner (hair conditioner) is moisturizing and provides a residual amount of fat content, that remains on the surface of the wool or hair, which counteracts future soiling. Reduce the spin speed (max. 600 rpm) and cancel the spin cycle after 2-3 minutes.

Dryer

Please do not put the blanket in the dryer! It would become unnecessarily matted!

After the wash

After washing, place the blanket on a large cotton towel and roll both together (do not wring!). This removes additional moisture from the blanket and speeds up the drying process. Unroll the blanket and lay it over as many clotheslines as possible to dry (e.g. drying rack) and let it air dry.



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Shake up

After drying, you can fluff up the blanket by grabbing it by the corners (with the help of another person) and opening it up. Basically, you can shake the blanket out in the fresh air. Dust, collected over time, will thereby be removed.

The surface

In the production we put a lot of effort and numerous work steps in order to achieve a fine, delicate and translucent fabric. After a wash, the quilt will not be quite the same compared to a new, unwashed blanket. Nevertheless, the natural properties of the wool are retained in use.

Matting

Due to their natural structure, wool and hair tend to become matted. Therefore Mechanics, Heat, moisture (water), temperature cause a felting process! These parameters should be kept as low as possible during a wash.

Dry cleaning

I personally advise against chemical / dry cleaning. The dry cleaning process removes the wool's residual fat content and the surface is then less protected from dirt. After a dry cleaning, the blankets often smell unpleasant and feel more straw like.

Brushing

We do not recommend brushing the surface.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the care of your natural hair blanket, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours

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