

WASHING

 Machine wash normal cycle	 Mild cycle permanent press · one bar	 Very mild cycle delicates · two bars	 Hand wash max 40 °C, no wringing	 Do not wash take to a professional	 30 °C cold · darks, delicates
 40 °C warm · everyday clothes	 50 °C warm to hot	 60 °C hot · bedding, towels	 95 °C boil wash · white cotton	 Dots instead of numbers US labels: 1 dot = 30 °C ... 6 dots = 95 °C	 Do not wring squeeze gently, dry flat

BLEACHING

 Any bleach allowed including chlorine bleach	 Non-chlorine bleach only oxygen or colour-safe bleach	 Do not bleach no bleach of any kind
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DRYING

 Tumble dry any heat	 Tumble dry, low one dot	 Tumble dry, medium two dots	 Tumble dry, high three dots	 Do not tumble dry air dry instead	 Line dry hang on a line or hanger
 Drip dry hang wet, no spinning	 Dry flat knitwear, wool	 Dry in the shade out of direct sun	 Line dry in the shade curve plus corner lines	 Dry flat in the shade bar plus corner lines	 Drip dry in the shade lines plus corner lines

IRONING

 Iron any temperature	 Low, up to 110 °C silk, synthetics · one dot	 Medium, up to 150 °C wool, polyester blends · two dots	 High, up to 200 °C cotton, linen · three dots	 Do not iron	 Do not steam dry iron only
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PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

 Dry clean professional cleaning	 Any solvent the cleaner reads the letter	 Normal dry cleaning perchloroethylene or hydrocarbons	 Gentle dry cleaning hydrocarbon solvents only	 Professional wet cleaning water-based, by a specialist	 Do not dry clean
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HOW TO READ A LABEL

Same order every time
wash, bleach, dry, iron,
professional cleaning.

Dots
temperature or heat: the
more dots, the hotter.

A bar underneath
a gentler setting; two bars,
gentler still.

A cross
through any symbol
means do not.

A number in the tub
the maximum water
temperature in °C.