# How to stretch shrunken wool after washing

Woolen clothes are warm and comfortable but they are quite whimsical to care for. Wool can easily shrink after improper laundry. However, these consequences can be quickly neutralized if you know how to stretch a woolen clothes correctly at home.

## Stretching the wool with adding synthetics

If you realize that you washed a woolen thing of a smooth texture with synthetic fibers incorrectly during washing or before the thing has dried and shrunk, you should try to restore it to its previous size right away. This should be done in a basin or a bath with cold water where it will be possible to untuck the thing and let it lay down for 15 minutes. Then it is necessary to gently and gradually squeeze out it and do not allow it to stretch under the weight of water. Then immediately displace it onto an absorbent horizontal surface like a terry towel spread on the floor. When the towel becomes wet, it is necessary to replace it with a dry one. During this kind of drying gently and slightly stretch the thing with your hands periodically. So you can try to fix the effects of washing at home.

By the way, it is better to use an old towel for the drying that you do not regret to discolor because after interacting with water paint from wool is likely to dyeing it.

What should you do if you realized that a clothing shrunk after it has dried? There is a method how to stretch a woolen thing. You can also try to presoak it in cold water but previously add hydrogen peroxide to the water. You need about two tablespoons for every 10 liters of water. And this presoaking takes a little longer, about two hours. After presoaking repeat actions of the previous method, gently squeeze, place it on the towel and gradually stretch the material with hands.

What do you do if a hat shrinks? You need to wet it in cold water, gently sneeze and put it on a glass jar suitable for the size of the hat. After it dries, it takes a form of a jar and you do not need remember about any shrinkage anymore.

## Stretching 100% wool

What do you do with clothing consisting of wool only? The situation with the shrinkage of such clothes at home should be corrected differently. You will need an iron that can iron with steam. The shrunken cloth still slightly wet should be placed on the ironing board. If it is completely dry after washing, sprinkle it with water from the spray bottle. The shrunken cloth should be covered with wet gauze or a thin cotton cloth that cannot dye your cloth and slowly, carefully iron gently stretching the way you need. Do not forget to put a towel between the cloth and the board so that they are not accidentally dyed.

Sponge with vinegar. If you need to stretch the shrunken clothes in certain places, you a sponge soaked in vinegar. Wipe with it hair in the places you want to stretch, then hang it on a coat hanger or place it on plain surface until it dries completely. Before using vinegar drop a drop on it in the most inconspicuous place. So you will know for sure that it will not be able to change color under the influence of vinegar or dye the towel or things around.

## Wash again the wool

There are several options for stretching a woolen cloth with an appropriate wash:

1. Wash with shampoo. Not everyone knows but you can restore the size of a product that has shrunken with a special shampoo for coarse hair. It ingredients include substances that act upon the fibers of the fabric and contribute to the fact that it can return to its previous shape. To do this wash the product in warm water adding similar shampoo and after washing dry on horizontal surface. You can better place the product with pins.
2. Wash in special solutions. You can return things to its original look using a solution of five liters of hot water, three tablespoons of ammonia or a glass of vodka added to the water and one tablespoon of turpentine. Then put the woolen cloth in the resulting solution and leave it for one and a half or two hours. Then rinse it in cold water and process drying the wool.
3. Wash with fabric softener. Caring for whimsical materials do not consider as a rival fabric softener. It makes the fabric softer and more pliable during further stretching and drying. In addition, it contains substances that protect the color of the product, so that it cannot dye the surface on which the dry or are treated with steam.
4. Dry cleaning. What do you do if any of the above methods do not work for your favourite cloth? Anyway, the simplest, most expensive and surest way to return it to its previous size is dry cleaning. Sometimes after all the torment, it is a professional processing of a product that can restore it to its previous size.

Now you know what you do if your favourite cloth has shrunken after washing and can restore its size. The main thing is not to make mistakes in the future.