

WHAT IS PILLING? AND HOW DO I AVOID IT?

Pilling is the formation of fuzzy balls on the surface of wool clothing, and often results in an unsightly or worn out appearance.

Pilling is caused by rubbing during wear and, although it can occur in any parts of the sweater, the most common areas are around the elbows, armpits, sleeves, belly and the sides of the sweater where, during wear, the arms of the garment are constantly coming into contact with the body of the sweater.

HOW TO PREVENT PILLING WHEN WEARING WOOL



Turn your wool clothes inside-out before washing



Avoid using a fabric softener on your wool



Try to minimise abrasion when wearing wool clothing



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HOW TO REMOVE PILLING



By hand

If not too many pills have been formed then they can easily be removed by hand.

This should be done routinely after drying, or just prior to ironing.



Use a comb

A comb can be used to remove pills, but this should be done very gently and carefully.



De-pillers/Fabric shavers

Small battery operated pill and lint removal devices known as either “de-pillers” or “fabric shavers” are low cost and very effective at removing pills, giving your clothing an as-new appearance again.