

A woman with long, wavy blonde hair is lying on her side on a thick, white, shaggy sheepskin rug. She is wearing a long-sleeved, rust-colored dress with a high collar and a small bow detail at the waist. Her eyes are closed, and she has a peaceful expression. The background is a light-colored wall with vertical paneling. The floor is made of light-colored wood. The overall mood is cozy and serene.

SHEEPSKIN  
CARE

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## 01 CARE GUIDE

There are several aspects to be considered, when maintaining a sheepskin. First of all, sheepskins actually do not require a lot of care. They are cleaned naturally by lanolin, which is a kind of wool wax, that lives inside the wool.



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## HOW TO MAINTAIN SHEEPSKIN WITH STRAIGHT HAIR

Every sheepskin needs to be shaken regularly. This preserves the cozy look and removes filth. Sheepskins and goatskins should be shaken at least once a week. If you sit on your sheepskin often, you should shake it even more often. Reindeer hides should not be shaken out that often; once a month is enough. They should also only be used for decoration because the hide is very sensitive to temperature and pressure. That is why it is very important to shake it once a month.

Sheepskins and also goatskins with straight hair should be brushed from time to time. In this case, the amount of shaking also depends on how often you sit on it. The effect of sitting on it squeezes the wool together and that changes the optical appearance. If the skin gets tangled up or looks bad, because it has lost the soft look, you can fix it with a special sheepskin brush. There might be some hairs falling out during the process, but this is completely normal and there is nothing to worry about.

### TIPS TO MAINTAIN

- \* Shake it out once a week
- \* Brush it regularly

We suggest you brush a sheepskin, that you do not sit on that often, only once a month. If you sit on it every day, brush it every other week or even every week. You can also choose to trust your individual feeling and brush the sheepskin when it needs to be brushed.

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## HOW TO MAINTAIN SHEEPSKIN WITH CURLS

Curly sheepskins should never be brushed, because brushing through the hairs will destroy the curls. Shaking it is the best care for a curly sheepskin. If you notice that the curls are starting to vanish after some time, this simple trick might be useful for you:

Make your hands a bit wet, grab into the sheepskin and build a fist. Do this again and again and shake the sheepskin out afterwards to remove the water. The curls will reappear while the sheepskin dries. Remember not to use too much water and keep the leather dry at all times.

### TIPS TO MAINTAIN

- \* Shake it out once a week
- \* Never brush it
- \* Rebuild the curls with wet hands
- \* DO NO BRUSH



## REMOVE SMELLS

Some lambskins or sheepskins have a natural or synthetic smell. They might smell because of the tanning process, because they keep their natural animal smell after the treatment.

They can also get the smell of an attic or a basement where they might have been lying for some time. The easiest way to reduce the smell is to air it somewhere outside or in a room where all windows can be kept open for a while or even overnight. Remember that the sheepskin should not get wet, so keep it under a roof, if you take it outside.

Airing the skin will reduce the smell but not completely remove it. Depending on how it smells, it will vanish eventually. A smell that reminds you of soap will vanish because it came from the tanning process. It will go away within one or two weeks and be replaced by the smell of the room where it lies in. Especially new sheepskins that have been sent by post often have a stronger smell when you take them out of the box.

The reason is that the sheepskins are packed tightly together for several days. When you unpack a sheepskin, you should therefore shake it out thoroughly and air it briefly so the smell can go away.

Sheepskins that have a strong animal smell will take a long time to lose it. Airing the sheepskin will help in this case, but it will not remove the smell completely. There are two things, that can be done:

In winter, when it is frost, you can put the sheepskin with the woolen side downwards on the snow outside. Afterwards you should shake it out thoroughly to remove every bit of snow from it. Remember that the leather must not get wet. The cold helps to neutralize the smell. You can also put the sheepskin in a plastic bag and put it into the freezer overnight. Remember not to wrap it to tight and close the bag thoroughly. Shake the sheepskin out afterwards.

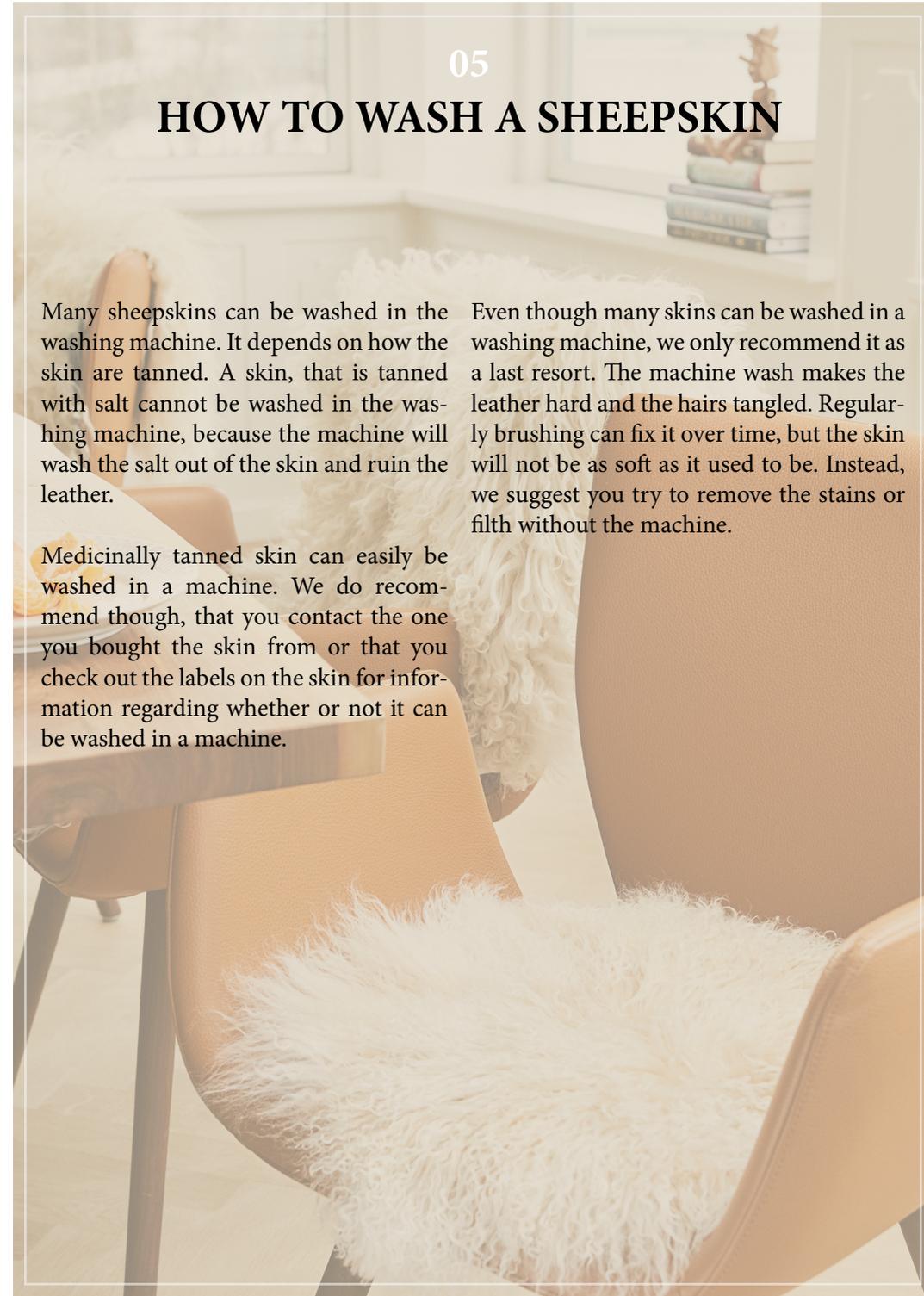
We strongly suggest you not to use chemicals on the sheepskin. Some of the chemicals can make a bad reaction and do harm to the sheepskin. Also, perfumes should be kept away from it, since they can create very uncomfortable smells when they are mixed with the skins natural smell. It is possible to wash the sheepskin in the washing machine or to let it clean professionally. We recommend you read our recommendations regarding washing a sheepskin in a washing machine, before you try it out.

## HOW TO WASH A SHEEPSKIN

Many sheepskins can be washed in the washing machine. It depends on how the skin are tanned. A skin, that is tanned with salt cannot be washed in the washing machine, because the machine will wash the salt out of the skin and ruin the leather.

Medicinally tanned skin can easily be washed in a machine. We do recommend though, that you contact the one you bought the skin from or that you check out the labels on the skin for information regarding whether or not it can be washed in a machine.

Even though many skins can be washed in a washing machine, we only recommend it as a last resort. The machine wash makes the leather hard and the hairs tangled. Regularly brushing can fix it over time, but the skin will not be as soft as it used to be. Instead, we suggest you try to remove the stains or filth without the machine.



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## HOW TO REMOVE STAINS

When you buy a sheepskin, it is meant to be used. This makes it almost impossible to avoid stains in general. If it happens, it is important that you act on it right away. There are some specific actions you should take, when a stain hits your sheepskin. The action depends on what kind of stain it is.

When removing stains from a sheepskin, the following always applies: the stain must be wiped off immediately. This can be done with a dry or wet cloth, so the stain won't absorb into the leather.

If possible, turn the skin around immediately, so the fur side is down. This protects the leather side from the stain and dries up the skin quickly. To make the drying easier, put the skin on a drying rack. When the skin is dry, you can start removing the stain. Keep reading this folder and learn how to remove any kind of stain.



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## HOW TO REMOVE STAINS

### CHOCOLATE OR PORRIDGE

If you have chocolate or porridge on the skin, you should put your sheepskin on a drying rack with the fur side down. Let the stain dry. When it is all dry you brush the dry stain off the skin with a sheepskin brush. Even after you have brushed it well, there can be small parts of the stain left. In this case we recommend you wipe the stain off with a wet and warm cloth. Put the skin on a drying rack afterwards and brush it once again when the skin is dry. If the stain won't go away, continue the procedure a couple of times and then it should be gone.

### BEER, SODA OR OTHER BEVERAGES

If you spill a fluid like beer, soda or any other like it on your sheepskin you must wet a cloth with warm water and dip it on the stain. Remember to twist the cloth, so it is not too wet. Then take a dry cloth and dry the skin carefully with it. It helps to use one teaspoon of wool detergent with half a liter warm water and put the mixture on the stain. When you have massaged the mixture into the stain, the mixture will become a kind of foam, that you should leave for a while. When it has been working for a while, you must remove it from the skin with a wet cloth first and then with a dry cloth. If necessary, you can repeat this procedure several times. When the skin is dry, we recommend you brush it thoroughly.



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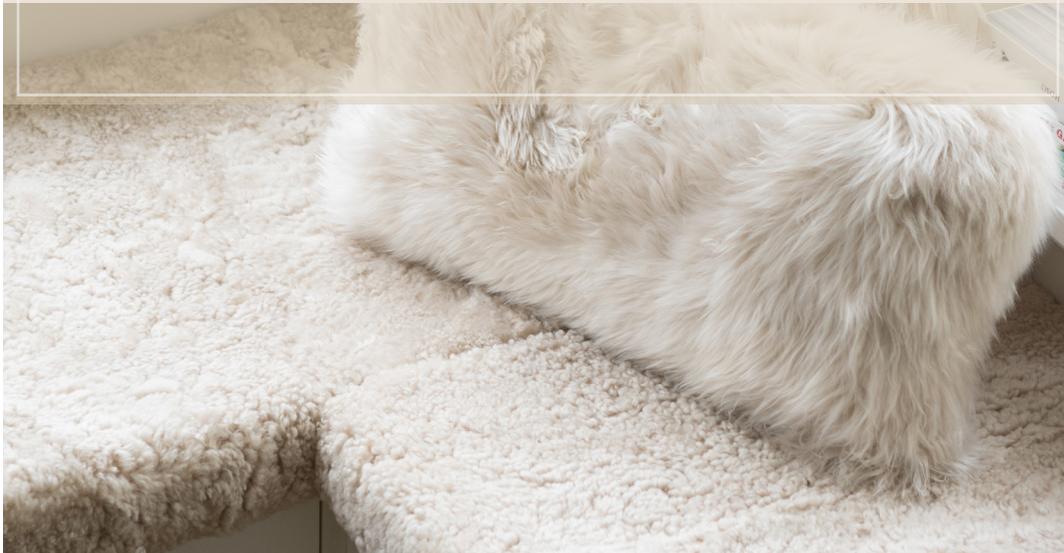
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### COFFEE, WINE OR BLOOD

If you spill coffee, wine or blood on a sheepskin you have to take a wet and warm cloth and dip it on the stain. Remember to twist the cloth so it won't be too wet. When you have done this, you take a dry cloth and dip the stain with it. Mix one teaspoon of wool detergent with one spoon of vinegar and half a liter warm water and put it on the stain. Dip the mixture on the stain with a cloth. Wipe it off with a wet cloth and finish off by drying the area with a clean and dry cloth. You can repeat the procedure if necessary. At last you brush the skin with a sheepskin brush, so the sheepskin will be soft again.

### STEARIN

When sitting comfortably in the couch on your sheepskin, it is often in the company of a lit candle. If you get stearin on your sheepskin, you should put blotting paper on the stain and carefully iron on it. Don't let the iron get too hot, but iron carefully until the blotting paper has absorbed all the stearin. Repeat this procedure a couple of times until it is all gone. When there is no more stearin left, you must brush the skin with a sheepskin brush, and it will be as good as new.



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## HOW TO REMOVE STAINS

### BUBBLEGUM

This is very unfortunate. You dropped a chewed bubblegum in your sheepskin, and it is stuck in the hairs. It seems pointless to try to fix it at this point, but actually, there is a way to solve this problem without harming the sheepskin. Start by removing as much gum as you can by carefully plucking it off the hairs. If you cannot remove all the gum, you can put the skin in a plastic bag and put it in the freezer. Make sure that the bag is fully closed and let the skin freeze overnight. Remember to not roll the skin too tight. The following day you can easily remove the gum with your fingers or a sheepskin brush. Finish off by shaking the skin well.

### BUTTER, OIL OTHER FATS

If you get some kind of liquid fat on your sheepskin, you must use the blotting paper method. Put the blotting paper on the stain and iron it carefully and not too hot. Iron until the paper has absorbed the stain. Repeat the process if necessary. Remember to brush the sheepskin afterwards. If the fat has reached the leather, you must remove it with dry shampoo. Spray dry shampoo on the stain and let it sit for a while. Gently brush the shampoo away from the skin with your hands and this should do it.



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### VOMIT

If someone vomits on your sheepskin it does not mean that it is ruined. You can easily clean the skin. Start by removing all the vomit you can with a dry cloth. Then take a clean cloth and make it wet with warm water and dip the stains with it. Then take a dry cloth and wipe the stains clean. To be sure that it is all gone, mix a teaspoon of wool detergent with one spoon of vinegar and half a liter water. Dip the mixture carefully on the stains. When this is done, you wash the mixture off the skin with a wet cloth and then with a dry cloth. Repeat the process if necessary. When you are done you must shake the sheepskin thoroughly before using it again.

### BLEACH, CHLORINE OR URINE

If you spill chemicals like bleach or chlorin on your sheepskin, you must wipe the stain with a wet and warm cloth and then with a dry cloth. When you get these kinds of stains, you have to seek professional help, because the traditional products within your reach won't help you. They won't be able to remove these aggressive stains completely. Instead you should contact a dry-cleaning business and remember to ask if they have experience in cleaning sheepskins before you make an appointment.

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### DRIED-IN WINE, COFFEE OR BLOOD

If the stain has been on the sheepskin for a while and is dried into the skin, you can remove it by brushing the sheepskin with a sheepskin brush. If large parts of your skin are covered in stains that are dry, we recommend that you take the skin to a professional dry cleaner.

### DRIED-IN FATS AND URINE

These kinds of stains are very difficult to fix and there is not much you can do yourself. We recommend that you contact a professional dry cleaner and let them take care of your sheepskin.



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## HOW TO DRY A SHEEPSKIN

If you have washed your sheepskin you have to consider how you dry it afterwards. It is very important that you do this right. No matter what kind of stains it had, you may under no circumstances dry it in the dryer. If you do this, the leather will become hard. If you have washed your sheepskin in a washing machine, we recommend that you use centrifugation to remove as much water as possible. When the skin is taken out of the machine you must shake it well to get most of the water out of it.

When you dry the skin, you must always put it on a drying rack with the fur side down. Place the drying rack in a room with good venting and avoid direct sunlight. You should also not let the sheepskin be too close to hot sources like radiators. A wet sheepskin takes a couple of days to dry.

This means that you must remember to pull it frequently while it dries this way you make sure that it comes back to its original form. When you pull the skin, it is much easier when you are two. Pull the ends carefully at the same time. If your sheepskin has long hairs, you should brush them carefully while they are still a bit wet. When the sheepskin is completely dry, you must brush it once again. When brushing the skin, you prevent the hairs from tangling into each other. When your sheepskin is completely dry, you can use it again as you did before.

### TIPS TO DRY

- \* Not in the dryer
- \* Use centrifugation, when washing in a machine
- \* Dry with the fur-side down
- \* Pull the skin in to shape and

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## OTHER QUESTIONS

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

We hope that you are satisfied with your sheepskin and that you will use this guide in case it is necessary. You can find more information about skin, care and interior design at: <https://naturescollection.dk/blogs/news/pleje-af-lammeskind>



