

Felting Recycled Sweaters in a Washing Machine

(Don't limit yourself to sweaters. You can use coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets.)

Types of Fibers that work:

- The closer to 100% wool the better, don't use anything with more than 10% of spandex, rayon, cotton, polyester, etc.
- Dry Clean only is a good sign that the sweater will work
- Wool: Great
- Lambs Wool: Excellent
- 100% Angora: Does not work
- Angora and Wool: Excellent

Directions:

1. Cut the sweater apart at the seams
2. Place them in an old pillowcase (This will keep the fibers from clogging up your washing machine drain hose.)
3. Add 1 teaspoon of soap shavings. Do not use any soap that says it has conditioners in it or that it moisturizes
4. Add 1 teaspoon of baking soda
5. Place a towel or pair of jeans
6. Tie the pillowcase closed, making sure there is a little wiggle room.
7. Wash on hottest setting

You can do this as many times as you want to get the desired look.

