

# Cashmere

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## Warmer than sheep wool

A cashmere shawl or sweater will surprise you by the degree of warmth it offers. Cashmere has great insulating properties, which make it several times warmer than sheep wool. Because cashmere fibres are finer than sheep wool, they are better at trapping heat.

## Hypoallergenic

You perhaps know at least one person who is allergic to sheep wool. However, cashmere wool is naturally hypoallergenic. It does not contain lanolin or wool fat, which some people are allergic to.

## Breathable

Any breathable fabric is an excellent choice for those looking for comfort. Cashmere is

breathable, so if a cold day/night suddenly turns a little warm, rest assured that you will stay dry under your cashmere.

## Durable

If taken care of, fine cashmere products can be passed down from one generation to another. Store them in a cool, dry place to extend their life. I myself store my cashmere sweaters in airtight plastic bags. With care, cashmere garments will continue to offer you their warmth and luxurious feel for years and decades into the future.

## How to clean your cashmere

Although some manufacturers suggest dry cleaning, most cashmere products can be hand-washed at home. For the past five years, I have been washing my cashmere sweaters at home with shampoo and cool

water. After washing, I wrap the sweater in a cotton towel and wring it before drying flat.

A downside of cashmere is that it pills! If you can get hold of a wool comb, combing the fabric with it will take care of the pills and a cashmere product will eventually stop pilling.

Yes, cashmere is high maintenance, but most fine things are. However, caring for them is the only way to go, if you want to give this delicate-luxurious fabric a long and healthy life. In addition to comfort, breathability, durability, and giving the wearer an elevated look, investing in high-quality natural fabrics gives us value for money.

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## HOROSCOPE



### ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Make plans to have some fun. Emotional disputes will end badly. Your partner can throw you into money problems. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



### TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Look into new ideas. Consult with those you live with. Go after your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



### GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Throw yourself into work. Don't miss out on any business trip. Don't make unnecessary bets. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



### CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Don't overexert yourself. Don't let your partner impede on your freedom. Work late if necessary. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



### LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Keep doing the best you can. Get any pending work sorted. Pamper yourself for a change. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



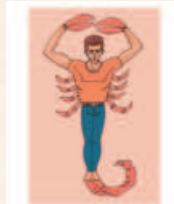
### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

You will have difficulty controlling your emotions. Joint ventures will be unfavourable. Avoid risky financial schemes. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



### LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Only you can sort out your feelings. Pay attention to minute details. Don't let others guilt-trip you into things. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



### SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Your talent will pay off if used properly. Its ok to talk about your feelings. Find out your partner's intentions. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Avoid heated discussions with relatives. You might just meet someone special this week. You will be very productive at your workplace. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Stay busy with money-making plans. Make time for your partner. Pleasure trips will promote new romantic encounters. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



### AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Secret enemies might cause trouble. Problems in your relationship will cause ailments. Travel for pleasure. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



### PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Emotions will cloud your judgement. Be careful of those trying to start a fight with you. Don't take on unnecessary responsibilities. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



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