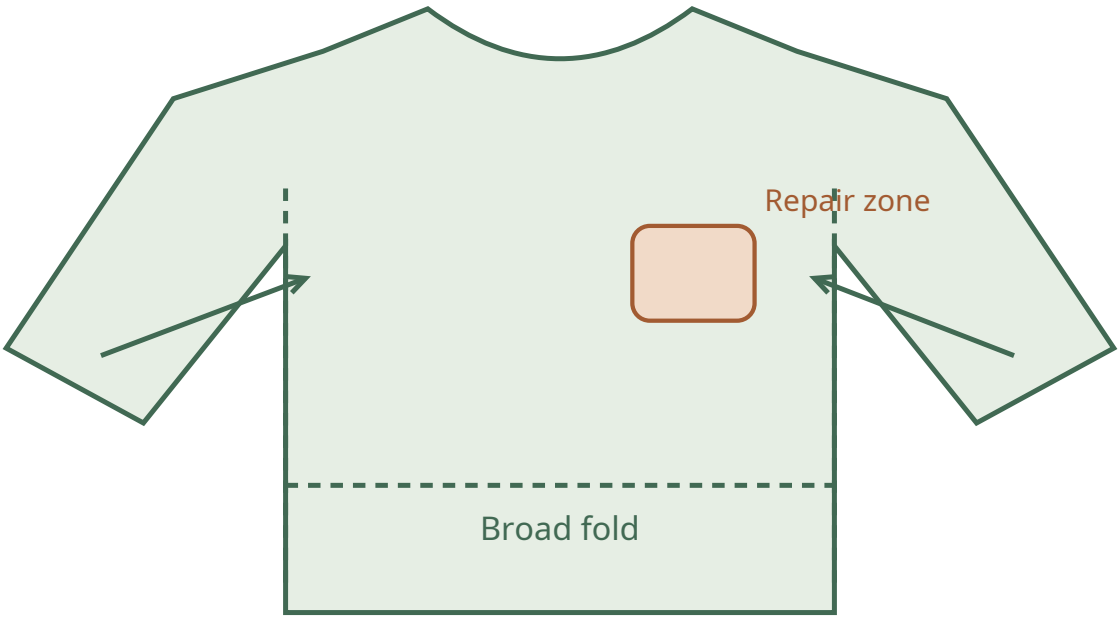
# Store Repaired Wool Without Crushing Its Shape

Choose a storage route for repaired everyday wool, with gentle support, care-label checks and periodic visual review.




Support sleeves; keep the repair clear of hard folds.

## What is inside

14 numbered practical steps, two original diagrams and two printable observation records.

## Scope boundary

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# Before you start

## Suitable items and exclusions

For ordinary adult wool or wool-blend clothing that is already repaired and suitable for ordinary use. Check the actual care instructions and construction. This guide does not cover valuable historical textiles, mould or active pest remediation, protective garments, fragile structured tailoring or professional cleaning procedures.

## Materials and tools

Care label, clean dry storage surface, appropriate shelf or drawer, smooth breathable cover or suitable clean container, optional plain tissue or clean smooth fabric for support, pencil and records, and a shaped or padded hanger only for an appropriate woven garment.

# Plan the repair

## Work from the actual item

Determine whether the item is knitted or woven and whether it requires professional cleaning. Store only when clean and fully dry according to its own care. Fold relaxed knitted garments with broad supported folds; avoid compressing a repair or putting heavy items on top. For stable woven wool that is designed to hang, use a shaped hanger appropriate for the garment. A repaired or weakened area may require horizontal support or professional advice. Inspect periodically for moisture, pests or changed shape.

## Before committing

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# Steps 01–02

## 1. Read the care label

Record fibre and care instructions, including whether home washing is allowed or professional cleaning is indicated. Wool blends and finishes differ; do not assume all wool garments can be washed or steamed.

## 2. Inspect the repair before storing

Lay the item on a clean surface and examine the repaired region and adjoining cloth visually. Check for new distortion, loose yarns or weak areas. Do not pull the repair or hang a weak knit to inspect it.

# Steps 03–04

## 3. Choose the cleaning route

Clean the item only as allowed by its original and repair material instructions. If professional care is indicated, inform the cleaner about the repair. If instructions conflict or care is unknown, seek advice before cleaning or storing for a long period.

## 4. Confirm it is completely dry

Check the garment and thick seams after permitted care without stretching the textile. If any area feels damp, do not pack it. Complete the allowed drying process in an appropriate place away from unsuitable heat or sunlight.

# Steps 05–06

## 5. Distinguish knits from stable wovens

A knitted sweater generally benefits from folded horizontal support; a stable woven wool garment designed to hang may use a suitable shaped or padded hanger. A heavy or repaired area that cannot be supported by hanging should be stored flat or assessed.

## 6. Map the repair location

On the worksheet sketch the repair and planned folds. Avoid placing a fold directly on a bulky mend or repeatedly folding the same weak spot when an alternative is available. Preserve the natural relaxed proportions.

# Steps 07–08

## 7. Prepare the storage space

Choose a clean, dry, smooth shelf or drawer away from damp and direct heat. Remove rough hardware or snagging materials. Allow space for a supported item without crowding or forcing folds.

## 8. Make a broad supported fold

For a suitable knit, lay it flat, bring sleeves toward the centre without twisting and use broad relaxed folds. If needed, support the fold with clean smooth material, without stuffing or pressing the fabric. Keep the repaired region on a supported plane where possible.

# Steps 09–10

## 9. Protect the repaired surface

Position the repair so that a closure, rough accessory or another folded item cannot rub or catch it. Do not use tight bands, pins or vacuum compression. A loose suitable cover may reduce snagging; ensure the item stays dry.

## 10. Choose an appropriate container

Use a clean compatible cover or storage container with adequate volume. Do not pack damp items or tightly stack heavy garments on the repaired wool. If an appropriate closed container is used for clean dry wool, inspect it periodically for moisture and insects.

# Steps 11–12

## 11. Use hanging only when appropriate

For a stable woven garment designed for hanging, use a clean hanger that supports shoulder shape and does not put pressure on the repair. If the garment sags, stretches or has a weak shoulder or seam, move it to flat support and consult a repairer.

## 12. Check the stored item periodically

Observe signs of damp, musty odour, insects, new holes, creases or pressure on the repair. If active infestation or mould is suspected, isolate the item without shaking or brushing it around other textiles and seek suitable advice. Do not rely on fragrance as protection.

# Steps 13–14

## 13. Unpack with full support

Lift the wool with both hands supporting its weight, unfold gently and lay it flat. Let it settle without pulling, steaming or pressing merely to remove a crease. Inspect the repair before ordinary wearing.

## 14. Record and adjust

Record chosen fold, container, care route and periodic observations. If the shape changes or the repair develops damage, revise the support or seek a suitable repair. No storage method guarantees future shape, cleanliness or pest resistance.

# Fix, care and reassess

## A thick repair lies on the fold

Choose a different fold or use full horizontal support with sufficient space. Do not press the repair flat.

## The knit lengthens on a hanger

Remove it from the hanger, support it horizontally and inspect for damage. Seek advice if the shape does not recover naturally.

## Damp or insects appear

Separate the affected item and consult appropriate textile or pest guidance. Do not apply unverified chemicals or heat treatments.

## A cleaner is needed before storage

Describe the repair materials and original label to the cleaner. Do not substitute home washing or solvent use.

# Originality and evidence boundary

## What the publisher provides

Original Steadleaf English prose, vector artwork, diagrams and records. Follow the actual item, material and tool instructions. No physical repair, washing, strength, load, durability, colourfastness, storage or compatibility trial was performed by the publisher. Ordinary adult non-technical textiles only; no safety or performance certification.

## What the guide does not establish

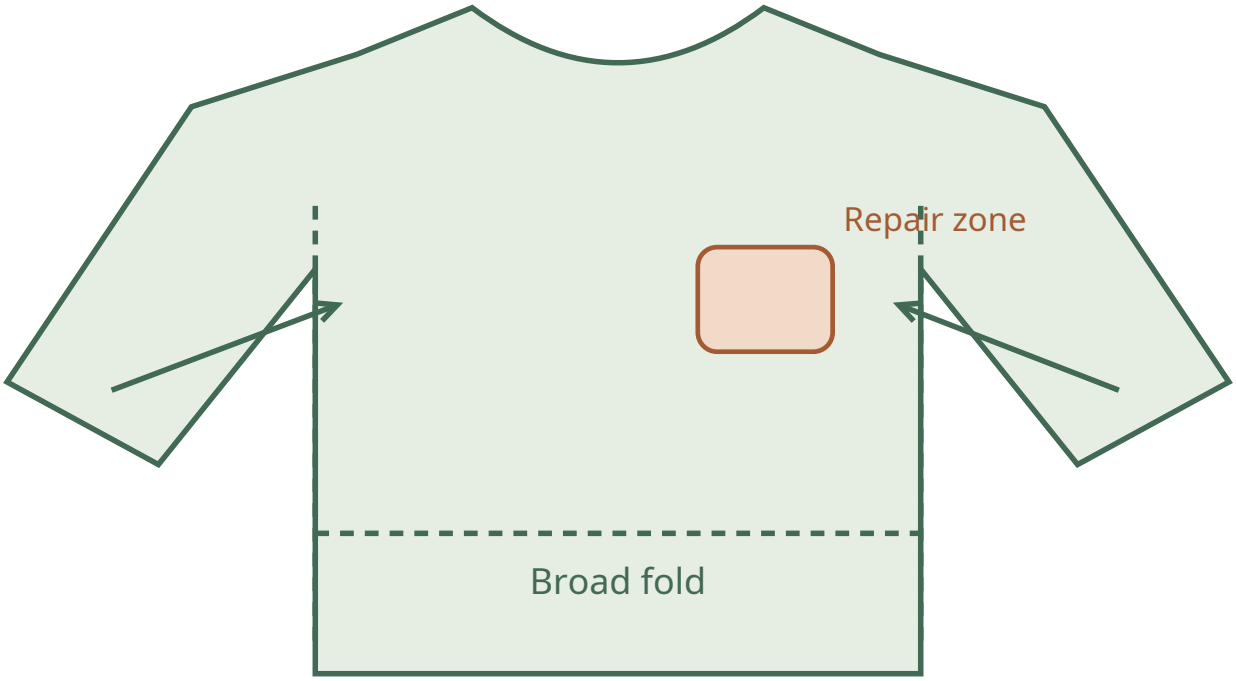
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## Further reading

Woolmark, Caring for Wool (general distinction between knitted and woven storage): https://www.woolmark.com/care/care-for-wool/ ; How to Store Wool Clothes: https://www.woolmark.com/care/how-to-store-wool-clothes/

# Fold map for a repaired knit

Relaxed flat sweater with broad fold lines away from the repair; support sleeves and do not stack pressure over the mend.

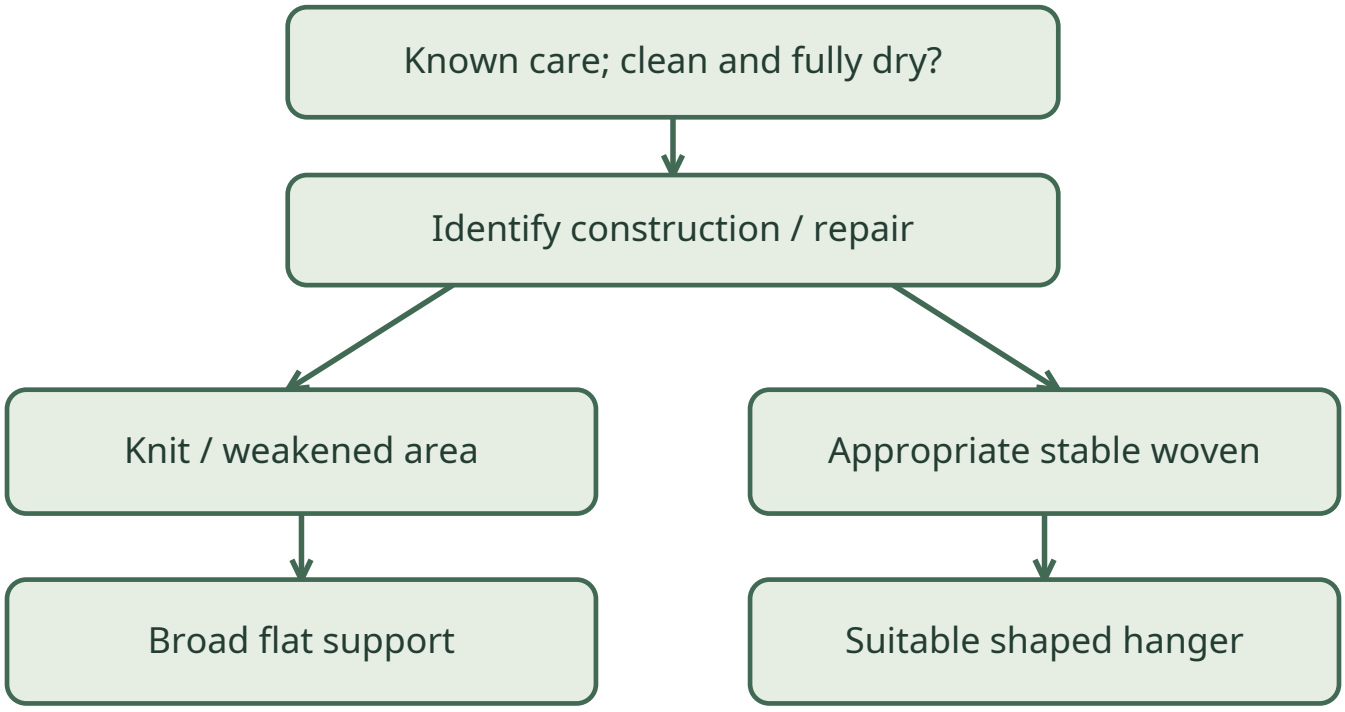



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## Your notes

# Storage route decision

Known care and completely dry? Knit or appropriate stable woven? Choose flat support or suitable shaped hanger and check periodically.




Inspect for moisture, insects and distortion.

## Your notes

# Wool care and support plan

Record actual observations only. Mark unknown items UNKNOWN or NOT CHECKED.

**Garment / fibre / construction**

**Original and repair care instructions**

**Professional care needed?**

**Clean / fully dry status**

**Repair location / condition**

**Planned fold or hanger / support**

**Container / location / clearance**

**Date / next check**

# Storage and unpacking log

Record actual observations only. Mark unknown items UNKNOWN or NOT CHECKED.

**Actual support and fold route**

**Repair pressure / snag risks**

**Moisture / odour observation**

**Insect or new hole observation**

**Shape / crease / repair change**

**Action: retain / revise / refer**

**Unpacking observation**

**Date / next inspection**