

PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE

Shearling

KARL DONOGHUE

Shearling is the term adopted by the fashion industry to describe lambskin where the wool remains attached to the leather after the tanning process.

Sustainability

The shearling skins used in our collection are mainly processed using CO₂, a more sustainable tanning method than the traditional method of using water. By using this method we avoid an excessive amount of water wastage. For more information on our sustainable approach visit our [sustainable](#) page.

Characteristics

Shearling is a natural material therefore natural imperfections and variations in texture and shade of the wool should be expected and seen as intrinsic qualities of this beautiful material and not a fault. Shearling is a versatile and wonderful material. The leather and wool can be dyed, printed and embossed to create endless combinations.

For more information visit our [skin guide](#).

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Caring for your Karl Donoghue piece

- Our collections are designed and crafted in London using the highest quality materials and trims to create a luxurious product that should last a lifetime if cared for well. We call this "Luxury for Life".
- Avoid wearing your shearling in heavy rain, this may affect the texture of the leather and straightened wool. If caught in the rain, shake off excess water and allow drying to occur naturally (on a broad-shouldered coat hanger out of direct sunlight).
- Suede pile can be revived by gently rubbing with a soft suede brush or dry sponge. Where wool has been straightened it can be combed with a fine metal tooth comb or brush to revive the pile.
- When new, wool fibres can transfer to clothing because of the hand cutting methods used in the production process.
- If your shearling piece requires cleaning, always use a specialist cleaner following the instructions on the care label. It is advisable to remove any horn buttons/poppers/buckles before cleaning. Cleaning can affect applied finishes to the shearling. Discuss this with your specialist cleaner first.
- Shearling can be protected on the leather side using a leather spray. Test a small area first following any instructions on the can. We cannot accept responsibility for any results to the article.
- Sunlight can cause shearling to fade or change colour therefore it is advisable when storing your piece to keep it in the original dust bag. Never store your piece when damp or wet. Store in a low humidity location, never in a closed plastic bag.

Following these guidelines and the information on the product care label will help you to maintain the natural beauty of your Karl Donoghue piece for many years to come, a far more sustainable approach to fashion.

