Kelsey's Crochet — Care Guide

Every crochet piece is lovingly handmade with care. To keep your plushies, blankets, and wearables looking beautiful and lasting for years, follow these simple steps.

General Care

- Hand wash in cold water with a mild, fragrance-free soap.
- Never use bleach or harsh chemicals (they weaken yarn fibers).
- Gently press out water with a towel—avoid wringing or twisting.
- Always lay flat to dry on a clean towel. Hanging can cause stretching.

Storage Tips

- Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading.
- Fold items neatly—avoid hanging wearables as this can stretch the stitches.
- For long-term storage, place items in a breathable cotton bag instead of plastic.
- Add a sachet of lavender or cedar to keep them smelling fresh and bug-free.

c Caring for Different Items

- Plushies & Toys: Spot clean with a damp cloth and mild soap. Avoid soaking stuffing.
- Blankets & Throws: Hand wash, or use a gentle machine cycle inside a mesh laundry bag.
- Wearables: Wash inside a mesh laundry bag or hand wash. Reshape while damp.

Extra Tips

- Fix small snags or pulls immediately to prevent unraveling.
- Remove pet hair with a lint roller or by gently picking fibers by hand.
- Avoid high heat (dryers, radiators, or irons). Yarn can shrink or melt.
- Handle with love handmade items last longest with gentle care.

P Quick Do & Don't Checklist

- Do: hand wash, reshape, fold, use mesh bags, spot clean plushies.
- X Don't: wring, bleach, hang dry, machine dry on high heat.

Yarn Type Care Notes

- Acrylic: Durable, machine-wash safe on gentle cycles.
- Cotton: Absorbs water easily; reshape carefully while drying.
- Wool: Always hand wash cold; lay flat to prevent felting.
- Blends: Follow the most delicate fiber's care instructions.

Repairs

- Use a crochet hook to gently pull loops back into place.
- For bigger snags, stitch them down with matching yarn.
- If unsure, contact me I'll help with repairs.

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