

ZUAHAZA

# *Product Care Guide*

## *How to Care for Your Zuahaza Textiles*

Our artisan partners handcraft each textile using high-quality materials and processes. To keep your Zuahaza textiles looking new, read our product care guide below.





## Caring For *Cotton Fabrics*

Cotton is a durable fiber that has been used for centuries. It is breathable, soft, and ideal for warm to mild temperatures. Plus, it's easy to care for.

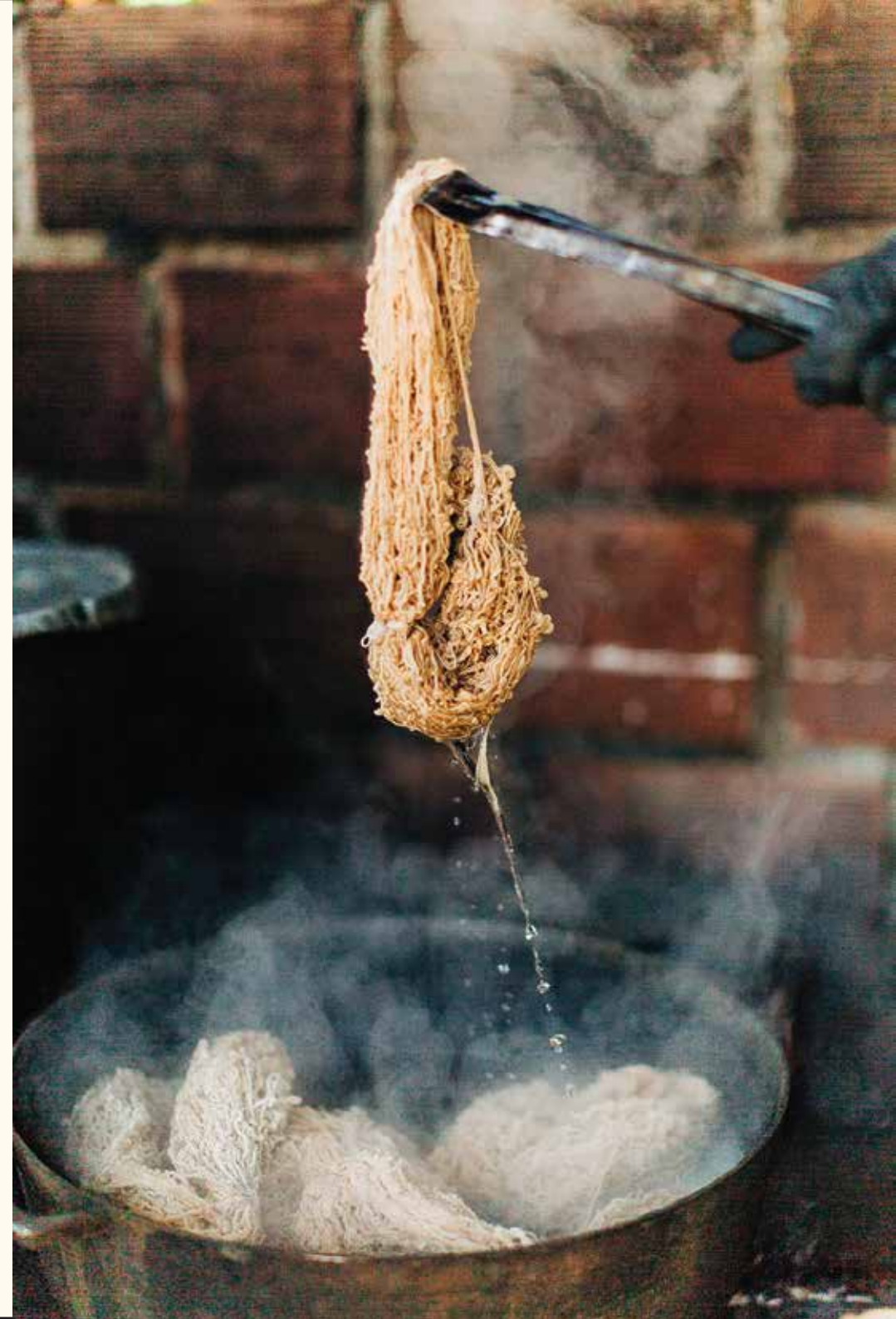
1. **Washing:** Hand wash or machine wash, your cotton pieces between cool and lukewarm temperatures. To prevent shrinkage, avoid hot temperatures.
2. **Drying:** For best results, air-dry your item. For tumble drying, select the delicate cycle. Please avoid all hot temperatures.
3. **Ironing:** Use high heat with a slightly damp fabric.
4. **Tasseled items:** All tasseled items are washable. Flip the pillowcase inside out to provide extra care when washing.
5. **Handspun Cotton:** Some of our products have a beautiful rustic texture that comes from handspun cotton. When washing, avoid heavily scrubbing directly on the surface or flipping the pillowcase inside out.

## Caring For *Naturally Dyed Products*

Natural Dyes are magical and beautiful. We use natural dyes that come from vegetable waste and plants that contain dyeing properties. We use yellow onion skins, tree bark, indigo leaves and other South American plants to obtain our colors. Natural Dyes are also unpredictable. Please follow our tips so you can enjoy your naturally dyed products for years to come. Remember, time changes colors. This is the natural effect of using natural dyes, so you might see a slight change in the brightness of color.

1. Light: To avoid fading colors, don't leave your textiles exposed for hours or days in direct sunlight—it's their enemy.

3. Detergents: Natural dyes are extremely sensitive to pH altering chemicals. We recommend using soft detergents with a neutral pH. Others have colorants that are not pH neutral and will alter the color of your textiles. Most eco-friendly detergents are pH neutral, so check the label when purchasing.



## Steps for *Hand Washing*

1. Fill a large container with cold water.
2. Add a small amount of pH neutral detergent to the water and stir well.
3. Slowly add your item to the mixture, making sure all areas are soaked.

4. Gently wash the textile, moving the fabric around for 5-8 minutes.

5. For stains, add a small amount of detergent directly onto the surface and gently rub against the fabric. Do this until the stain fades away.

6. Rinse the fabric using cold water until there are no more suds.



## Steps for *Machine Washing*

1. We recommend placing the textile in a laundry bag.
2. Wash your item in cold water on a delicate cycle.
3. Add a tiny amount of pH neutral detergent.



Image A. Air drying by spreading textile over hanging rack.



Image B. Air drying using a clothes hanger.

## Steps for *Drying & Ironing*

1. Air dry on a hanger or hanging rack.
2. For lint removal, iron fabric on a medium to high heat setting. For extra treatment, use a gentle lint roller. \*see image C & D.



Image C. Lint can appear after washing.



Image D. Lint can easily be removed by ironing and using a lint roller.

## Caring For *Fique* Products

Fique is a Colombian fiber commonly used for rug and basket weaving. The fiber comes from the family of agave plants, and like hemp, it does not need any fertilizers or pesticides to grow. Making this fiber a natural organic fiber. It is also a fiber that needs very little water to grow, making it a very resourceful fiber and a great sustainable option for natural fibers.

Fique is a naturally rough fiber that requires little maintenance. However, unlike synthetic fibers, natural fibers can start accumulating mold when exposed to high humidity. So, here's how to keep your item feeling and smelling like new.



## Steps for *Washing Rugs & Baskets*

1. For a general wash, use a moist rag, or mop for larger surfaces, to gently scrub the area.
2. For direct stains, apply a small amount of pH neutral detergent to a wet rag and scrub.
3. Repeat with a dry cloth.



## Steps for *Drying Rugs & Baskets*

1. Air dry immediately after cleaning. Or, use a hairdryer for faster results. This is crucial to avoid mold accumulating. These items are long-lasting and colors will not fade as quickly as with other fibers.

