The Art of Caring for Your Silk Scarf

Silk Scarf Care Guide

Your scarf is made from 100% mulberry silk — a natural protein fiber prized for its softness, sheen, and breathability. With a little care, it will stay beautiful for years. Here's everything you need to know.

1. Washing

- **Best: Dry clean.** For silk, professional dry cleaning is always the safest choice — especially for printed or embellished scarves.
- **Or hand wash, the gentle way:**
- Use cold water (below 30°C / 86°F)
- Add a few drops of mild, pH-neutral detergent made for silk & wool (never regular soap, bleach, or products containing alcohol)
- Swirl the scarf gently — do not rub, scrub, or wring
- Rinse in clean cold water until the suds are gone
- **Avoid at all costs:**
- Machine washing (unless in a mesh laundry bag on the delicates cycle — still risky)
- Hot water
- Bleach or stain removers with chlorine
- Leaving it to soak for a long time

> **Note**
> Deep-colored silk may release a slight tint on the very first wash. This is normal for natural dyeing — wash dark colors separately the first time.

2. Drying

- **Never wring or twist** the scarf — this damages the delicate fibers
- Gently roll it in a clean, dry towel to absorb excess water
- Lay it flat on a drying rack or another towel, away from direct sunlight
- **Never use a tumble dryer** — heat will shrink and ruin silk
- Keep it away from radiators and heaters

> **Note**
> Sunlight fades silk pigments quickly. Always dry in the shade.

3. Ironing

- Use a **low temperature** setting (silk / delicate mode)
- Always iron on the **reverse side** (inside out)
- Place a thin cotton cloth (pressing cloth) between the iron and the scarf
- Do not spray water directly onto silk while ironing — water spots may remain
- For light wrinkles, hang the scarf in the bathroom while you shower — the steam will relax the creases without an iron

4. Storing

- **Fold, don't hang** — hanging stretches the fabric over time
- Store flat or loosely rolled, in a breathable cotton bag or acid-free tissue paper
- Keep in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place
- **Avoid mothballs / naphthalene** — the chemicals damage silk fibers and can yellow white silk
- Use a natural cedar block or lavender sachet instead to repel moths

5. Everyday Care Tips

- Avoid contact with rough surfaces, zippers, jewelry, or handbag clasps — silk snags easily
- Spray perfume, deodorant, and hairspray **before** putting the scarf on, never directly onto it (alcohol damages silk)
- If it gets wet in the rain, dry it as described above — rainwater can leave marks if left to dry naturally on the fabric
- Wash sweat stains promptly — perspiration can weaken and discolor silk
- Dark scarves: avoid prolonged contact with light-colored clothing — natural dyes may transfer when new

6. Dealing with Stains

- Treat stains as soon as possible — the longer they sit, the harder they are to remove
- Blot gently with a clean cloth dipped in lukewarm water (never rub)
- For stubborn stains (wine, oil, makeup), take it to a professional dry cleaner — do not experiment with home stain removers

> **A Final Word**
> Silk is a living fiber — it breathes, moves, and ages gracefully. Treat it gently, and your scarf will reward you with years of quiet luxury.

Questions? Contact your retailer — we're always happy to help.