
Moth-proof **THE WARDROBE GUIDE**

How to get rid of clothes moths naturally, how much cedar to use and where, and the one habit that keeps it working.



WHY MOTHS LOVE YOUR JUMPERS

It's the larvae, not the adults, doing the damage.

Adult clothes moths look for dark, undisturbed places to lay their eggs: wardrobes, drawers, storage bags. The larvae that hatch feed on keratin, the protein in wool, cashmere, silk and feathers.

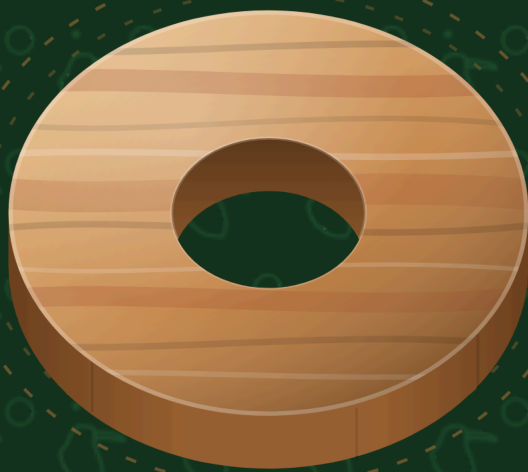
Clothes that were worn and put away unwashed are their favourite.

Spot the signs

- ✓ **Small, irregular holes** in natural fibres, often under collars and cuffs
- ✓ **Fine silky webbing** or tiny tubes on fabric
- ✓ **Cream-coloured larvae** or empty cases in corners and seams
- ✓ **Small golden moths** that run and hide rather than fly to the light



HOW CEDAR STOPS THEM



Red cedar holds a natural oil that clothes moths don't like. Where the scent is strong, they won't lay their eggs, so the next generation never starts on your clothes.

It's also why cedar smells so good to us.

STRAIGHT ANSWER

Cedar is a repellent, not an insecticide. If moths are already in, do the clean-out first. Then let cedar help keep them out.

ALREADY GOT MOTHS? THE CLEAN-OUT

1

Empty it

Take everything out of the wardrobe and drawers. Bag anything damaged separately.

2

Kill eggs and larvae

Hot wash what the label allows. Freeze delicate knits in sealed bags for at least 72 hours (a week is better), or dry-clean.

3

Vacuum

Inside wardrobes and drawers, into corners and seams, and the carpet around them. Empty the vacuum outside.

4

Wipe down

Shelves, rails and drawers, with a mild cleaner or diluted white vinegar.

5

Clean clothes only

Only put back what's clean and bone dry. Store out-of-season knits in cotton or vacuum bags.

6

Add cedar

Now it's clean, cedar helps keep it that way. Amounts over the page.

HOW MANY SHOULD I USE?

Cedar Rings

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Wardrobe

1 ring per hanger

Drawers

2–3 rings on top of each piece of clothing. Add the same again in the middle of large folded items like woollen jumpers.

Sports bags

8–16 rings scattered through the bag

Storage bags

10–20 for a small bag
20–30 for a large one

HOW MANY SHOULD I USE?

Cedar Hangers

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Wardrobe

1 cedar hanger between every 2 hangers of clothing

Drawers

1 hanger (hook on or off) on top of each piece of clothing. Add another in the middle of large folded items like woollen jumpers.

Sports bags

4–6 hangers placed through the bag

Storage bags

4–8 for a small bag
8–12 for a large one

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Cedar Balls

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Wardrobe

Fill the cotton hanging bags with 10 balls each for a small wardrobe, or 15 for a larger one. Hang them evenly along the rail.

Drawers

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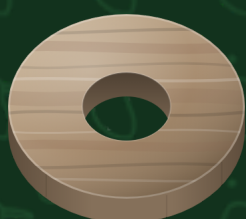
Sports bags

20–30 balls scattered through the bag

Storage bags

20–30 for a small bag
30–40 for a large one

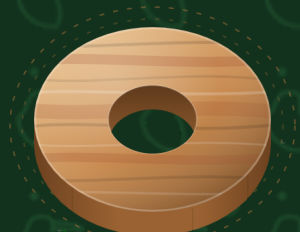
THE 3-MONTH SAND



MONTH 3



LIGHT SAND



GOOD AS NEW

Cedar lasts for years, but the scent doesn't. Every three months, give it a light sand. It takes the dried surface off and brings the oil, and the moth-repelling scent, straight back. Every ecoKiwi pack comes with sandpaper.

Spring

Homes warm up and moths wake up. Wash knits before you store them. **Sand your cedar.**

Summer

Peak moth season. Air the wardrobe weekly and check stored items. **Sand your cedar.**

Autumn

Knits come out. Check each one for holes before you wear it. **Sand your cedar.**

Winter

Central heating keeps moths going. Vacuum under furniture. **Sand your cedar.**

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Make sure clothes are **bone dry** before you put them away
- ✓ Follow the amounts in this guide for proper coverage
- ✓ Wash or air clothes before storing them for the season
- ✓ Open and air your wardrobe often. Moths hate light and disturbance.
- ✓ Do **the 3-Month Sand**

Your sanding tracker

Write the date each time you sand.

SAND 1

SAND 2

SAND 3

SAND 4

Thanks for choosing cedar

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