

A long, orange cashmere scarf is draped on the left side of the page. To its right is a purple cashmere cap with a textured, slightly worn appearance. The items are set against a white background with a dotted orange border.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

## CASHMERE LOWDOWN

Once considered a luxury item, and long a staple in Europe and the US, cashmere is finally entering the Australian fashion psyche as a must-have for your winter wardrobe. Some points to consider ...

- The word cashmere comes from Kashmir, after the Himalayan country where the goat originates.
- The cost varies depending on the quality of the cashmere used, the intricacy of a fashion item's design, and the cachet of the label it bears.
- The longer the fibres, the higher the quality; mass-produced cashmere often uses shorter fibres, which pill more easily. Also, the looser the knit, the more easily it pills. When choosing a garment, lightly rub its surface with the palm of your hand to see if fibres roll up or shed, indicating shorter fibre content.

Eugenie mitten scarf, \$129, and cap (above right), \$329; at 8 Inkerman, 03-9534 1123.