a problem in convenience when maintenance of the hot water generating device (the heater assembly in the above-described conventional technique) is performed.

A washing machine according to an aspect of the present disclosure includes a washing machine body, a water tub supported in an inside of the washing machine body and having a bottom with a drain port, and a drain cock unit coupled with the drain port of the water tub. Further, the drain cock unit is connected with a heater unit communicating with an inner bottom of the water tub. The heater unit incorporates a heater for heating washing water and includes a water passage communicating with the inner bottom of the water tub. The water passage and the drain cock unit are opened to the heater unit at positions where water temperatures of the washing water are different.

With this configuration, since the heater unit is provided separately from the water tub, state confirmation of an inside of the heater unit and maintenance of the heater unit can be easily performed.

Further, a washing machine relating to an aspect of the present disclosure includes a washing machine body, a water tub supported in an inside of the washing machine body and having a bottom with a drain port, a drain cock unit coupled with the drain port of the water tub, and a heater unit including a water passage communicating with an inner bottom of the water tub formed above. Furthermore, the heater unit has a heater container that houses a heater for heating washing water inside, wherein the drain cock unit communicates with the heater unit below the water passage.

With this configuration, maintenance of the heater unit can be easily performed, and since washing water within the heater container flows to the

## CLAIMS

1. A washing machine comprising:

a washing machine body;

a water tub supported in an inside of the washing machine body and having a bottom with a drain port; and

a drain cock unit coupled with the drain port of the water tub,

wherein

the drain cock unit is connected with a heater unit communicating with an inner bottom of the water tub,

the heater unit incorporates a heater for heating washing water and includes a water passage communicating with the inner bottom of the water tub, and

the water passage and the drain cock unit are opened to the heater unit at positions where water temperatures of the washing water are different.

2. The washing machine according to claim 1, wherein the water passage and the drain cock unit are near both ends of the heater incorporated in the heater unit.

3. A washing machine comprising:

a washing machine body;

a water tub supported in an inside of the washing machine body and having a bottom with a drain port; a drain cock unit coupled with the drain port of the water tub; and

a heater unit including a water passage communicating with an inner bottom of the water tub, formed above, and incorporating a heater for heating washing water inside, wherein the drain cock unit communicates with the heater unit below the water passage.