



Fabric Care

Stained or dirty clothes should be cleaned as soon as possible or they will get difficult to remove.

Taking care of clothes

- Hang clothes on shaped hangers
- Fold knitwear (jumpers etc) and store flat
- Store clothes in wardrobe or drawers to protect from dust
- Mend (fix) clothes before storing

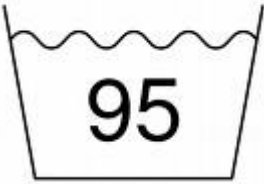
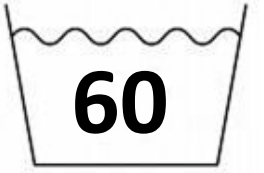
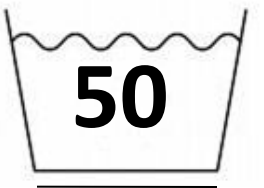


Care Labelling

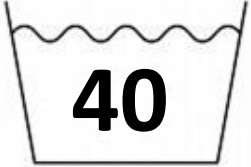
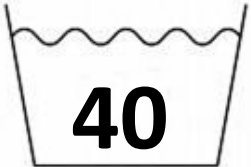
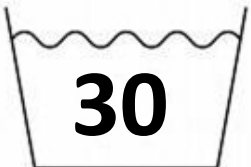

- Care labels are found on most clothes and textile items
- Contain written instructions or symbols which tell you how to care for the item



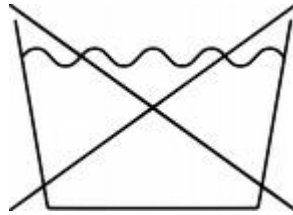
Washing Instructions

Symbol	Fabric	Machine Wash	Hand Wash	Drying
	White cotton & linen	Very hot	Hand hot or boil	Spin or wring
	Colourfast cotton, linen & viscose	Hot	Hand hot	Spin or wring
	Nylon & polyester cotton mixes	Hot	Hand hot	Cold rinse, short spin or drip dry

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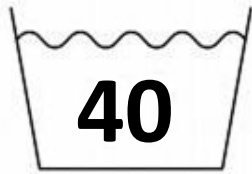
	Colourfast cotton, linen & viscose colourfast at 40°C	Warm	Warm	Spin or wring
	Acrylics	Warm	Warm	Short spin Do not wring
	Wool includes wool mixes	Warm	Warm Do not rub	Cold rinse, short spin or drip dry
	Garments that cannot be machine washed	Hand wash only		

Washing Instructions

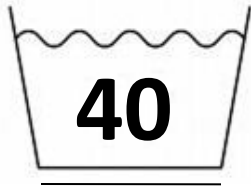


Do Not Wash

Bar Symbol



Maximum washing action & spin



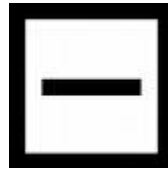
Medium washing action & short spin



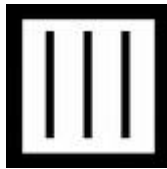
**Minimum washing action & wool
cycle spin (gentle)**

Drying

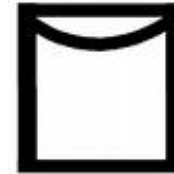
Dry Flat



Drip Dry



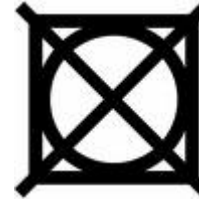
Line Dry



Tumble Dry



Do Not
Tumble Dry



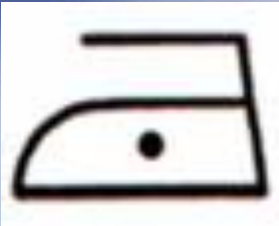
Ironing



Hot Iron



Warm Iron



Cool Iron



Do Not Iron



Dry Cleaning

(A)

All solvents can be used

(P)

Solvent: perchloroethylene white spirit

(F)

Solvent: white spirit

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Do Not Dry Clean



Bleaching



Bleach may be used

No bleach



Preparing for Washing

- Check the label to make sure it can be washed



- Empty pockets

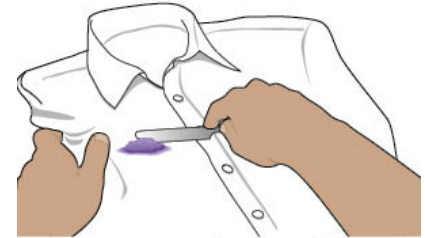


- Repair any clothes that need mending



Preparing Washing

- Check for stains that may need to be treated first

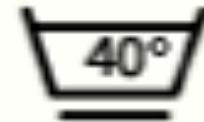


remove solids from the surface

- Close zips and buttons



- Sort according to their labels (eg all together)



Delicate Fabrics

- Wash separately by hand
- Use a low temperature and mild detergent
- Handle gently
- Rinse several times
- Squeeze gently to remove excess water
- Roll in a towel
- Dry flat or drip dry
- Use a cool iron if necessary

Stain Removal

- Most stains can be removed by just washing it
- Some stains need extra attention

Stain Removal

- Act quickly – don't let the stain dry
- Do not rub the stain into the fabric – blot or scrape off what u can
- Always start with mild treatments eg soaking in water
- Always test commercial remover on a part of the garment that won't be seen
- Remove stains before washing

Stain Removal

Stain	Removal Method
Ink & Grass	Dab with methylated spirits, then wash
Chewing Gum	Freeze, scrape off. Use grease solvent if necessary
Blood & Gravy	Soak in cold water if fresh. If set in, soak in warm water with an enzyme detergent
Coffee & Tea	Soak in warm water with an enzyme detergent, then wash
Grease & Oil	Soak in hot water and detergent. Use a solvent if necessary

Commercial Stain Removers

- Follow instructions on packet



- Use in ventilated room
(fumes may be dangerous)

- Do not use near flames



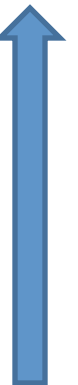
Commercial Stain Removers

- Use rubber gloves and wash hands after



- Store standing up, in a cool dry press

- Keep away from children



Detergents

- Substances which remove dirt
- Made from mixture of chemicals
- Chemicals include:
 - Water softeners
 - Bleaches
 - Enzymes
 - Scents (smells)

Types of Detergents

- Powder/liquid/tablet detergents
- Biological detergents – contain enzymes which breakdown protein stains
- Detergents for delicate fabrics
- Low foaming detergents
- Eco-friendly detergents – less harmful to the environment

Fabric Conditioners

These are added to the final rinsing water to:

- Soften clothes
- Reduce static electricity
- Make ironing easier
- Give fabric a nice scent (smell)



Washing Equipment

An Automatic Washing Machine



- **Front loading**, fits neatly under counter-top
- Has a **stainless steel drum** that rotates (goes round) where the clothes are washed
- An **element** heats the water

Using a washing machine

- Sort clothes by colour and fabric type
- Load the machine
- Add detergent and fabric conditioner
- Select suitable programme. The machine washes, rinses and may spin the clothes depending on the programme chosen.

Drying Clothes

- Spinning action of the washing machine removes most of the water



- Drying can be finished outdoors on a line

or indoors on a 'clothes horse'



Ironing



- Check the care label and select the right heat
- Iron garments inside out if possible
- Iron clothes slightly damp or use a steam iron
- Iron carefully to avoid creases
- Don't iron over designs etc that might damage the sole plate of the iron