



FABRIC CARE GUIDE

Natural Fibres Mixed with Synthetic

Note: always launder using the most sensitive blended fibre

	Hand Wash	Machine Wash	Dry-clean	Dry Flat	Iron	Dryer	Line Dry	Bleach
Acetate	Cold to hot. Fabric may yellow	Cold to hot	Yes	Yes	Warm	Medium heat	Yes	Avoid
Cupro	Cold to hot. Separate colours	Cold to hot	Yes	Yes	Medium to hot	Yes	Yes	Avoid
Polynosic/Modal	Cold to hot. Fabric may yellow	Cold to hot	Yes	Yes	Medium to hot	Medium heat	Yes	Yes, with care
Triacetate	Cold to warm	Cold to warm	Yes	Yes	Warm	Medium heat	Yes	Avoid

Polynosic/Modal

About Polynosic and Modal

Polynosic rayon/modal rayon are stronger and more comfortable than viscose rayon, even when wet, and is usually more expensive than viscose rayon.

Common Polynosic and Modal Fabrics

Modal.

Recommended Uses

Linings, shirts/Blouses, skirts/pants/shorts, dresses, children’s wear, knitwear, curtains and household linen, fibre filling, medical dressings.

Properties

Modal is a strong fibre and only loses 20% of its strength when it’s wet, not distorting and tearing easily like wet viscose rayon. It can absorb up to 15% of its weight in moisture before feeling wet, and will dry more quickly than viscose rayon.

Polynosic rayon/modal rayon has a medium handle (texture or feel), and is slightly crispier than viscose rayon. Modal can have a ‘crystal’ look, and is not very elastic; wrinkling easily (a treatment can be added during manufacture to reduce wrinkling). The drape is similar to viscose rayon.

Manufacturing processes can produce Polynosic rayon/modal rayon to have the same handle (texture, or feel) as cotton.

Care

Use a mild laundry powder, separate whites from colours, and wash in cold to medium heat water. Be sure to rinse thoroughly, but do not wring.

To dry viscose rayon, you can: dry it flat in the shade, line dry, or put it in the dryer.

Iron with a medium to hot iron when damp, or use steam. Over-steaming will turn white fabric yellow, or dull your colours (very hot water also does this).

Avoid bleaching viscose rayon. If the colour fades, it is because of the dye used and/or laundering.

Storing viscose rayon in warm, humid conditions attracts mildew, but this *can* be removed by laundering.

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