



# FABRIC CARE GUIDE

## 100% Synthetic

	Hand Wash	Machine Wash	Dry-clean	Dry Flat	Iron	Dryer	Line Dry	Bleach
<b>Acrylic</b>	Cold to hot.	Cold to hot.	Yes, with care	Yes	Warm, on reverse side	Cool	Yes	Avoid
<b>Modacrylic</b>	Cold to hot.	Cold to hot.	Yes, with care	Yes	Warm, on reverse side	Cool	Yes	Avoid
<b>Nylon</b>	Cold to hot. Yellows	Cold to hot. Yellows	Yes	Yes	Warm, on reverse side	Cool	Yes	avoid
<b>Polyester</b>	Cold to hot	Cold to hot	Yes	Yes	Warm, on reverse side	Cool	Yes	Unnecessary
<b>Polypropylene</b>	Cold to hot	Cold to hot	Yes	Yes	Warm, on reverse side	Cool	Yes	Avoid

## Polyester

### **About Polyester**

Like nylon, it is one of the strongest fibres in common use. If you want fibres that are really white to stay white, polyester is the fibre to choose.

### **Common Polyester Fabrics**

Common blends and fabrics are: 65% polyester/35% cotton, wool/polyester, polyester/linen, viscose/polyester, 100% polyester (eg: satins).

Polyester can be blended with most other fibres; usually to increase absorbency and increase the strength and durability to the other fibre.

### **Recommended Uses**

Shirts/blouses, trousers/skirts, shorts, suiting, ties, knitwear, dresses, socks, hats, lingerie, knitwear, children’s wear, blankets, window and shower curtaining, upholstery, tyre cords and ropes.

Also see cotton, wool and silk for more uses.

### **Properties**

The handle (texture or feel) of polyester is medium to hard, and is stiffer than nylon. Polyester *can* be abrasive on the skin depending on fabric quality and construction; but because of the smoothness of polyester, a soft handle may be apparent.

It is a strong fibre, like nylon, and does not decrease or increase in strength or elasticity when wet. It has good elasticity (stretch) and is very durable, usually being preferred over nylon for ease of care as it wrinkles less (not so however, for lightweight fabrics). It is a good insulator, but can become static very readily, attracting dirt into the fibre, and causing the garment to stick to you, and 'creep up' when walking, for instance.

If perspiring, polyester can feel wet and clammy almost immediately (being almost non-absorbent), and can lead to a decrease in comfort when wearing.

Polyester does drape well (depending on fabric construction). It also has a good resistance to sunlight, being good for curtains, household upholstery and furnishings.

### **Care**

When washing polyester, separate colours and wash in cold to hot water.

Dry flat, line dry or put into the dryer on a cool temperature.

Use a warm iron, on the reverse side of the fabric.

You can dryclean polyester, and you do not need to bleach polyester if it is laundered properly.

**INFORMATION REFERENCED FROM:** *Textiles for Modern Living. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. By E.P.G Gohl*