

## PRECAUTIONS DURING WASHING

- Water used for washing should be soft. If water is hard, add a pinch of Borax or ammonia to soften it.
- A good neutral soap either in the form of flakes or powder may be used. However pH-neutral detergents are recommended.
- Cleaning may be done in Luke warm soap solutions by kneading & squeezing or suction washing.
- Silk fabrics may be rinsed in Luke warm water 2 or 3 times to remove soap and the released dirt.
- Finally a few drops of citric acid or acetic acid may be added to the last rinse in cold water.
- Silk with doubtful colours may be steeped in cold water with a small amount of citric acid or acetic acid for 1 to 2 min before washing in lukewarm or cold water.
- Avoid mechanical handling of silk fabrics under wet condition, Handle silk gently during washing.
- Silk after washing may be squeezed lightly by hand, (DO NOT WRING) to remove the excess water.
- Silk fabric may be dried uniformly under shade.
- Drying under flat condition or horizontal spread for drying of sarees/fabrics is ideal for silk.
- Direct exposure to sunlight weakens silk and turns it yellow.
- Avoid higher temperatures for washing silk, temperature not to exceed 60°C )
- Dry cleaning is recommended for combination colours that have a tendency to bleed.

## REMOVAL OF STAINS

- BLOOD  
Soak in warm water, sponge with a few drops of ammonia in 10 cc of hydrogen peroxide and then launder.
- BUTTER  
Use a drop of carbon tetrachloride.
- CHOCOLATE  
Soak in hot water and launder
- COFFEE OR TEA  
Allow the fabric to dry. Sponge with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain remains, launder in hot water using small quantity of hydrogen peroxide.
- COSMETIC  
Dampen the stain and rub with bar soap. Finally rinse and wash

- INK OR LIPSTIC  
Place the stain on paper towel face down and sponge with dry cleaning solvent or alcohol. Avoid water until stain is removed. Rinse and launder.
- NAIL POLISH  
Sponge with acetone.
- CREAM (ICE/MILK)  
Sponge with carbon tetrachloride and wash or launder
- EGG  
Sponge in cold water
- FRUIT JUICES  
Sponge with alkali and alcohol in equal proportions and launder.
- GREASY STAINS  
Apply talcum powder, place the stain face down on paper towel and sponge with dry cleaning solvent and dampen slowly. Rinse and launder.
- MACHINE OIL  
Cover the stain with absorbent material such as blotting paper and sponge gently. Remove the traces of oil with carbon tetrachloride, rinse, wash or launder.
- MUD  
Allow to dry, sponge with carbon tetrachloride, rinse and wash or launder
- PAINT  
Rinse in warm water and launder. If stain remains sponge with turpentine and kerosene, rinse and wash or launder.
- VARNISH OIL  
Sponge with carbon tetrachloride
- PERSPIRATION  
Rinse with dilute hydrochloric acid and launder.
- SHOE POLISH  
Remove the excess polish. Sponge with liquid detergent followed by solvent or rub gently with alcohol. Rinse and wash or launder.
- WINE/SOFT DRINK  
Soak in cold water then use liquid detergent and wash or launder.

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