

## Preparation

Empty pockets, turn down cuffs on shirts, close all zips, poppers and hooks.

## Sorting

Read and follow care labels. Separate dark colours from light colours and whites. Sort delicate fabrics from heavier ones. Sort by temperature to ensure best results and never exceed the temperature on the fabric care label. Wash very dirty clothes separately (dirt can pass onto less soiled clothes in the washing machine).

## Loading

Over-loading doesn't allow clothes to tumble properly in the drum, thereby reducing the agitation. This will lead to reduced cleaning performance. Over-loading also reduces the space in the machine, preventing powders from dissolving properly. This will increase the chances of powder residues, bleach damage and poor performance.

## Temperature

Wash water temperature directly affects cleaning and creasing. The correct choice of water temperature can also minimize dye transfer from unstable colours. Check your garment care labels for recommended wash temperature. Cold water may help protect sensitive dyes, minimize washer creasing and save hot water, however, it doesn't clean as well as warmer temperatures. Use it for bright red and orange dyes that release colour without losing intensity; lightly-soiled fabrics and removal of some protein stains such as blood. Cold water is excellent for rinsing all loads, regardless of the washing temperature.

## Unloading and Drying

Once the wash cycle has finished, the garments should be removed and dried as soon as possible. Leaving clothes damp can lead to problems such as bad smells or even mildew. Load your dryer so clothes can circulate. Over-loading can result in excessive creasing. Heat damage to clothing can also occur if the dryer vent becomes blocked. Another good laundry habit is to wipe the inside of the machine after use and even leave the door open for a while, to allow the inside of the machine to dry out. This helps to prevent bad smells/mildew forming in the machine

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