

# Laundry Guide to... Common Care Symbols

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Machine Wash, Warm

Non-chlorine Bleach

Iron, Steam or Dry, with Medium Heat

Tumble Dry, Low Heat



## Washing INSTRUCTIONS

	Machine Wash, COLD		Machine Wash, COLD Permanent Press		Machine Wash, COLD Gentle Cycle		Hand Wash
	Machine Wash, WARM		Machine Wash, WARM Permanent Press		Machine Wash, WARM Gentle Cycle		Do Not Wash
	Machine Wash, HOT		Machine Wash, HOT Permanent Press		Machine Wash, HOT Gentle Cycle		

## Bleaching INSTRUCTIONS

	Bleach as needed Any bleach, like Clorox®, may be safely used		Do Not Bleach No bleach product should be used including detergents with bleach - or follow bleach package test procedures to test for bleach safety.
	Non-chlorine Bleach as needed Use only a color-safe bleach, like Clorox 2®		

## Drying INSTRUCTIONS

	Tumble Dry, NO HEAT		Tumble Dry, Permanent Press, NO HEAT		Tumble Dry, Gentle Cycle, NO HEAT		Do Not Tumble Dry
	Tumble Dry, LOW HEAT		Tumble Dry, Permanent Press, LOW HEAT		Tumble Dry, Gentle Cycle, LOW HEAT		Line Dry
	Tumble Dry, MEDIUM		Tumble Dry, Permanent Press, MEDIUM		Tumble Dry, Gentle Cycle, MEDIUM		Drip Dry
	Tumble Dry, HIGH						Dry Flat

## Ironing INSTRUCTIONS

	Iron, Steam or Dry, with LOW HEAT		Do Not Iron with Steam
	Iron, Steam or Dry, with MEDIUM HEAT		Do Not Iron
	Iron, Steam or Dry, with HIGH HEAT		

## Drycleaning INSTRUCTIONS

	Dryclean May appear with additional letters and/or lines Take this item to a professional drycleaner		Do Not Dryclean
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Care labels provide helpful information that can save you time and money.

Cleaner, fresher clothes means longer-wearing apparel. And clothes that are bleachable are easier to get clean.

When a care label doesn't mention bleach or says "Bleach when needed," it means it is safe to use Clorox liquid bleach. When the label says "Non-chlorine bleach when needed" use a non-chlorine (color-safe) bleach like Clorox 2®.

Because clothes can be mislabeled, follow the easy directions on bleach container labels to test fabrics for colorfastness.