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Tips for Caring for Your Summer Clothes

Think back to January when temperatures were chilling us with lows in the 20's. You could hardly wait until the temperatures warmed up and summer arrived. Well, your wish came true. We've come through temps near 100° that feel like 110° with more to come.

Elevated temperatures bring on challenges when caring for your summer attire. Here are some tips for these challenges:

Tropical Threads

With flowered shirts, blouses, pants, and dresses from retailers like Tommy Bahama® and other common tropical-style fashions, dry cleaning may not be the best cleaning method. We wash many tropical fashions (and so can you if you know the tricks of the trade). That does not mean any method of cleaning is without some degree of risk. Color change can occur, especially khaki colors that can turn green when cleaned.

Suntan Lotions and Sunblock

Suntan and sunblock lotions and sprays contain dyes and oils that can stain clothes. This can affect your clothes whether you wash them at home or take them to your dry cleaner. It's especially troublesome because these contaminants might not appear until after they're cleaned. Heat from drying and pressing clothes can reveal the stain for the first time.

The best way to avoid this problem is to apply the lotion and allow it to dry before dressing. Also be sure to do a thorough handwashing

after applying the lotion and before handling the clothes. Unfortunately, lotions can still stain after following these precautions, often through perspiration.

Self-Tanning Lotions

It shouldn't be a surprise that self-tanning lotions can "color" most anything, including your clothes. If you find brown, tan, or yellow stains on cuffs, collars, neckbands, and button areas, you may have gotten self-tanning lotion on your garments.

The best way to avoid this problem is to wash your hands immediately after applying the lotion. Allowing the lotion to dry before dressing is also helpful in avoiding these stains. If you accidentally get the lotion on your clothes, wash them as soon as possible. These stains are near impossible to remove once the stain is set.

Self-tanning lotions will even stain your yoga mat. So before you get your inner self aligned with your divine self, allow your tanning lotion to dry before getting into your best Savasana. Traditional washing and dry cleaning will not always remove sunscreens and tanning lotions. But skilled stain removers can have some luck with these oil-based stains. It's important to tell your dry cleaner if you think sunscreens or tanning lotions may have contacted your garments.

Swimwear

The chlorine in pools, hot tubs, and spas can damage spandex and cause colors to fade. I

don't have a magic answer to this problem but be aware of the potential problem. But be sure to rinse your bathing suit immediately after removing it. Then follow the care label instructions.

Insect Repellents

Many insect repellents are designed to not damage fabrics. But repellents that contain alcohol can cause color change on acetate and rayon fabrics. Be sure to read the label carefully if insect repellents are applied directly to your clothes.

Always Put -Em Away Clean

My top recommendation is to never put away last year's clothing before properly cleaning. Even if it's been worn for just a small time, be sure it's clean. Stains are easier to remove today than in six months. With the possibility of perspiration or food particles on clothes over the off season, bugs like moths can take up residence and damage your clothes. This is much less likely if your clothes are cleaned before you put them away for the season.

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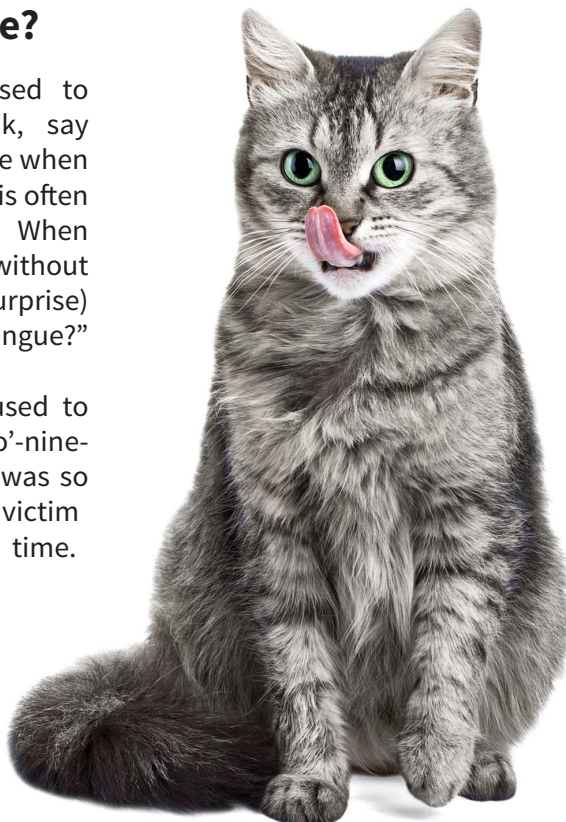


“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

Cat Got Your Tongue?

Meaning: The idiom is used to compel someone to speak, say something, or give a response when they are (unusually) quiet. It is often said by adults to children. When someone is speechless or without words (sometimes out of surprise) you will say “Cat got your tongue?” to prompt them to react.

Origin: The English Navy used to use a whip called “Cat-o’-nine-tails” for flogging. The pain was so severe that it caused the victim to stay quiet for a long time. Another possible source could be from ancient Egypt, where liars’ and blasphemers’ tongues were cut out and fed to the cats.



Close, But No Cigar!

Meaning: Nice try.

Origin: The expression started in the US in the twentieth century, and is said to originate from the practice of fairground stalls giving out cigars as prizes. This phrase would be said to those who failed to win a prize. “She made a good attempt at catching the baseball. Close, but no cigar.”



Cute As A Button

Meaning: Adorable

Origin: This phrase would be best suited for a small child or flower. CUTE AS A BUTTON - “cute, charming, attractive, almost always with the

connotation of being small, 1868 (from the original 1731 English meaning of ‘acute’ or clever). Cute as a bug’s ear, 1930; cute as a bug in a rug, 1942; cute as a button, 1946.

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End of Summer



It's awfully hard to say goodbye to summer. Rather than wish it weren't passing by so quickly, take time to really enjoy summer. Here are a few ideas you may wish to try:

- ▶ **Throw a beach party.** Even if you don't live on the beach, decorate with beach umbrellas, lounge chairs, and cute umbrella drinks.
- ▶ **Take weekend trips the entire month of August.** You've probably already used up your two week vacation, but by taking short trips, but staying overnight at least one night, makes it seem like you had a longer summer vacation.

▶ **Have an outdoor movie night and invite the neighbors.** Serve hot dogs, soft drinks, and of course, popcorn!

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- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

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What did King George think of the American colonists? He thought they were revolting!

Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.

What happened as a result of the Stamp Act? The Americans licked the British!

What's the difference between a duck and George Washington? One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill.

Why were the first Americans like ants? They lived in colonies.

What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold.

What did the fuse say to the firecracker? Lets get together and "pop it like its hot".

Time To Do This...

- ✓ Schedule furnace maintenance now and beat the October rush.
- ✓ Make an emergency list for baby-sitters and school kids on vacation
- ✓ Tackle patio and sliding door tracks.
- ✓ Print vacation packing lists for family travel.
- ✓ Check washing machine hoses.
- ✓ Hold a garage sale.
- ✓ Pest patrol: inspect yard and garden for carpenter ants or termites.
- ✓ Control garbage can odor with a can clean-out.
- ✓ Make a safety inspection of children's outdoor play equipment.