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Keep Your Favorite Clothes Fresh: A Guide to Cleaning Nylon Fabrics

In the world of fashion, the favored fabrics for pants have been dominated by cotton, polyester, and denim. Over the last few years, nylon has emerged on the scene as a popular alternative. Catching up with shirts and blouses, nylon pants have woven themselves in our daily lives from athleisure wear to high-end fashion for women and men.

This is due, in part, to the focus on sustainability due to the development of sustainable recycled nylon. But its popularity is also due to moisture-wicking, quick-drying characteristics which makes it an ideal choice for activewear, sports gear, and outdoor clothing, especially in the sunny South.

We're here to guide you through the cleaning process with a gentle, fresh touch so you can enjoy your favorite pieces for years to come.

Choose a Kind Detergent

First things first, let's talk detergent. To keep nylon garments looking their best, choose a mild, pH-balanced detergent. These gentle cleaners are designed to lift away dirt and stains without causing any harm. Say goodbye to harsh chemicals that could fade your fabrics or strip away their colors!

Embrace Hand Wash or Machine Wash

The washing machine can be your best

friend when it comes to cleaning these fabrics. Use a gentle cycle and cold water for best results. But if you're feeling extra cautious, a hand wash in cold water can do wonders. Just be sure to avoid hot water.

Tackle Stains with TLC

Life happens, and stains are an unfortunate reality. But fret not! Here's how to deal with some common stains at home without breaking a sweat:

- Grease and Oil Stains: Blot away excess grease, sprinkle with cornstarch or baby powder, let it sit, and brush it off before washing.
- Dirt and Dust: Gently brush off loose dirt, then sponge with cold water and mild detergent.
- Makeup Stains: Blot gently to remove excess makeup, then gently rub with a mixture of mild detergent and cold water.
- Food Stains: Gently scrape off excess food, blot with cold water, and apply mild detergent before washing.
- Perspiration Stains: Rinse immediately with cold water, then pre-treat with a mixture of water and white vinegar.

Show Some Love to Your Lingerie

Nylon is often used in lingerie, and it deserves some special attention. Hand washing is ideal here. Use a gentle detergent and be sure to avoid fabric softeners that can compromise the fabric's natural moisture-wicking abilities. Use a mesh bag to protect

these delicates when machine washing.

Don't Forget About the Dryer ...

When it's time to dry your nylon and nylon/polyester clothes, go easy on them. Use a low heat setting in the dryer or, better yet, air dry them on a flat surface to maintain their shape and longevity.

...Or the Iron

It's better to err on the side of caution when ironing since nylon is sensitive to heat. If you're unsure about ironing a specific nylon garment, or if the care label provides conflicting information, consider using a professional dry cleaner for best results. If you want to press these items at home, consider using a pressing cloth, like a clean muslin or cotton cloth for protection. Avoid steam and use low heat.

A Time Saver

You can save yourself some time by letting a Professional Dry Cleaner handle your nylon clothes. But if you want to clean, spot, dry, and press your nylon yourself, follow this guide.

Happy laundering, fashionistas!

Any comments? Email me at David@ChampionCleaners.com



"Did You Know Where This Saying Came From..."

WHERE DID THE DOG NAME "FIDO" COME FROM?



The dog name Fido means "faithful". It comes from the Latin word "fidelitas". There are two famous dogs with the name of Fido in history...

Abraham Lincoln had a dog named Fido. He was the 1st president's dog to be photographed. Newspapers became interested in him and put his photo in the papers. Fido became the most popular

dog name in the US. It's interesting to note that Fido even attended President Lincoln's funeral.

The Dog Fido of Borgo San Lorenzo. There was a famous canine named Fido who lived in Italy during WWII. He was owned by a brick kiln worker named Carlo Soriani who lived in the town of Borgo San Lorenzo. For two years Fido would walk to the bus stop with Soriani on his way to catch a bus to work. Fido would also greet his master at the bus stop at the end of the workday. One day, the factory Soriani worked in was bombed and he perished. That evening. Fido showed up at the bus stop but his master wasn't there. Every day for the next 14 years he went to the bus stop waiting for Soriani to return from work. Italian newspapers picked up the story about Fido, making him famous. They even built a statue to him in his home town. Fido was faithful until the day he

ON CLOUD NINE



Meaning: Having strong feelings of happiness or satisfaction. Example: After coming home from a hard day of work, Bob's wife announced that she was pregnant. Bob was very happy, or as one might put it, he was floating on cloud nine.

Origin: It's thought that this phrase may have come from meteorologists, who sometimes classify different types of clouds by using numbers. This expression doesn't look that old. It was used in the Denton Record Chronicle, May 1949, when a woman named Betty Hutton was thrilled to have been accepted for a movie role: "Let's look in on Betty Hutton, who says she is hovering on Cloud No Nine' these days."

GOING DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE



Meaning: When someone says they want to go "down the rabbit hole" in regard to something, that usually means there is a certain topic, activity, or thing that

intrigues them. Consequently, they want to explore this topic, activity, or thing further so they can learn more about it.

Origin: It's believed that the phrase, "go down the rabbit hole", comes from a 19th-century novel called Alice's Adventures In Wonderland (or Alice In Wonderland for short). This novel was written by Lewis Carroll and was published in the year 1865. Near the beginning of this fictional story, a girl named Alice crawls into a rabbit's hole and shortly after, she literally falls down the rabbit hole and ends up in a strange place called Wonderland.

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Packed Pumpkins



Have you ever tried to bake a casserole inside a pumpkin? This is a terrific way to use pumpkin, which is incredibly healthy and make a festive meal during the month of October. You can make your traditional casserole, pour it into a pumpkin that has been cleaned and will fit into your oven. Bake as you normally would, perhaps adding an additional 20 minutes to make sure the pumpkin is completely cooked as well. Serve hot directly from the pumpkin, scraping some of that beta-carotene packed

orange pumpkin alongside your usual casserole. Do this in smaller pumpkins for a kid-sized treat. Just make sure that your pumpkin will sit upright. If it tips a bit, cut off just a small portion on the bottom to help stabilize it. This is an all-time favorite meal of many families.







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- Alterations

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Holloween Jokes

- Last Halloween there was a knock on the door. I looked out of the window and then shouted upstairs to my wife, "Honey there's a witch at the door. What shall I do?" She shouted back, "Just give her some candy and tell her to get lost." My mother-in-law hasn't spoken to me since.
- How's everyone holding up? It's just crazy out there! I've killed 25 zombies so far! And why the hell are they all carrying candy?
- The best part about Halloween is that the cobwebs in my house look like decorations.
- I threw a boomerang at a ghost the other day. I knew it would come back to haunt me.

Time To Do This...

- Service Heating and Cooling System
- Inspect and Repair Roof
- Inspect and Clean Fireplace and Chimney
- Trim Tree Limbs Near Roof and Chimney
- ▼ Check Fire Extinguishers
- ▼ Cut and Stack Firewood
- Clean and Lubricate Garage Door
- Kiss Your Spouse Minimum Once a
- Say "I love you" at least one a day
- ▼ Count Your Blessings Every Day