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Love Your Clothes: Prepping for Valentine's Day ~ Cleaning Tips for Special Outfits



February is the month of love, and as Valentine's Day approaches, there's a flurry of excitement in the air. Amidst planning the perfect date and picking out the ideal outfit for that special evening, one essential aspect often gets overlooked: ensuring your attire is in pristine condition. Whether it's a dashing suit, an elegant dress, or a charming blouse, your clothing deserves a little TLC to shine on this romantic day.

PREPARATION TIPS FOR DATE-NIGHT ATTIRE

- The key to looking your best on Valentine's Day starts with preparing your date-night attire. Different fabrics demand different care, and knowing how to handle them can make all the difference. It's always important to read and understand the care label which should contain at least one safe method of cleaning the garment. Here are normal care instructions, but again, check the care label.

Cotton and Polyester: These versatile fabrics often make up our everyday wear. Machine wash them with cold water and use a gentle detergent to maintain their vibrancy.

Silk and Satin: Luxurious and delicate, these fabrics require special attention. Handwash with mild soap or use a silk-specific detergent. Avoid wringing them and instead gently press out excess water. For many of these garments, dry cleaning may be the best choice.

Wool and Cashmere: Keep these cozy fabrics fresh by dry cleaning or handwashing with a wool-specific detergent. Lay them flat to dry to maintain their shape.

STAIN REMOVAL HACKS - Valentine's Day mishaps are common, but they need not ruin your evening. Quick action and the right techniques can save your outfit from stains. Avoid heat from drying and ironing as heat will make stains tougher to remove.

Chocolate: Dab the stain with cold water and gently rub with a mixture of mild soap and water. Avoid hot water, as it can set the stain.

Wine: Blot the area with a clean cloth and sprinkle salt to absorb the excess liquid. Then, gently dab with club soda or white wine vinegar.

Oil-based stains: Sprinkle talcum powder or cornstarch on the stain to absorb the oil. Brush off gently and apply a stain remover before washing.

HANDLING DELICATE FABRICS - For delicate fabrics like lace, chiffon, or tulle often found in romantic outfits, extra care is crucial:

Lace: Handwash with mild detergent and avoid twisting or wringing it. Lay flat to dry on a towel.

Chiffon: Use a mesh laundry bag for machine washing on a gentle cycle. Air dry to avoid damage from heat.

Tulle: Spot clean with a damp cloth and mild soap. Avoid washing machines to prevent tears.

Last-Minute Cleaning Solutions - In the event of a last-minute stain emergency:

Blot, Don't Rub: Whether it's wine, sauce, or makeup, resist the urge to rub vigorously. Blot gently to prevent the stain from spreading.

Emergency Kit: Keep a stain removal pen or wipes handy in your bag for immediate action.

Remember, the key to successful stain removal is to act swiftly and gently, avoiding harsh chemicals or excessive rubbing that could damage the fabric. Champion Cleaners can help with these cleaning problems. And with FREE stain removal, same day service and home pickup and delivery, it couldn't be easier for you.

This Valentine's Day, let your outfit speak volumes about your love and care for yourself and your clothes. By following these cleaning and care tips, you can ensure that your attire is as ready as your heart for a magical evening of love and romance.

And of course, if you need help with stain removal check with Champion Cleaners. We can't remove every stain, but if anyone can remove it, Champion Cleaners can.

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

BITE THE BULLET



Meaning: Accepting something difficult or unpleasant

Origin: There was no time to administer anesthesia before emergency surgery

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during battle. The surgeon made patients bite down on a bullet in an attempt to distract them from the pain. In history, wooden sticks are known as billets, the stick-biting practice might have first been called ‘biting the billet’ which then modified to ‘biting the bullet’. Worth investigating certainly, but there are no records of the phrase ‘bite the billet’ can be found in historical newspapers and other records. Rudyard Kipling wrote a dialogue in the 1891 novel *The Light That Failed*: “Steady, Dickie, steady!” said the deep voice in his ear, and the grip tightened. ‘Bite on the bullet, old man, and don’t let them think you’re afraid.’

BREAK THE ICE



Meaning: To commence a project or initiate a friendship

Origin: Before the days of trains or cars, port cities that thrived on trade suffered during the winter because frozen rivers prevented commercial ships from entering the city. Small ships known as “icebreakers” would rescue the icebound ships by breaking the ice and creating a path for them to follow. Before any type of business arrangement today, it is now customary to “break the ice” before beginning a project. It wasn’t until the latter part of the 17th century that it took on its current meaning of ‘establish a relaxed relationship in socially awkward situations’; for example, Samuel Butler’s *Hudibras*, 1678: “The Oratour - At last broke silence, and the Ice.”

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER



Meaning: Family comes before everything else

Origin: In ancient Middle Eastern culture, blood rituals between men symbolized bonds that were far greater than those of family. The saying also has to do with “blood brothers,” because warriors who symbolically shared the blood they shed in battle together were said to have stronger bonds than biological brothers. The first example of the proverb ‘blood is

thicker than water’ that I can find in print in English is in Allan Ramsay’s *Collected Scots Proverbs*, 1737: “Blude’s thicker than water.” There are claims made that an earlier form of this phrase existing in Middle German in the 12th century and appear in Heinrich der Glîchezære’s epic *Reinhart Fuchs*, circa 1180. The English version of that text is translated as “I also hear it said, kin-blood is not spoiled by water.

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President's Day



President's Day is a United States Federal Holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February. President's day was originally set to honor George Washington, the first President of the U.S. and Abraham Lincoln.

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Valentine's Day Jokes

I gave blood today. **It may not be the best Valentine's Day present but at least it came from the heart.**

What's the best part about Valentine's Day? **The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale.**

What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream? **"I'm sweet on you!"**

What did the paper clip say to the magnet? **"I find you very attractive."**

What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day? **A hug and a quiche!**

Knock, Knock! Who's there?
Olive. Olive who? Olive you!

What did the elephant say to his girlfriend? **"I love you a ton!"**

Time To Do This...

- ✓ Check for winter sales at your local garden center; you may find good deals on pots, planters, and tools.
- ✓ Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ✓ Time to purge your closet of all the clothes you haven't worn in a year.
- ✓ Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer.
- ✓ Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter.
- ✓ Check the water hoses on the washer, refrigerator icemaker & dishwasher.