

**DYLON**<sup>®</sup>  
Experts in Colour

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Hints, tips and  
rescue remedies



# DYLON®

Dylon has been manufacturing and selling fabric dyes and household products for over 60 years distributing throughout the UK, Australia and in over 70 countries worldwide.

Dylon Colour Change - a complete range of easy to use fabric dyes to meet all dyeing requirements.

Dylon Fabric Care - a comprehensive range of high quality fabric care and laundry aid products.

## Dylon Fabric Care

Have you ever wondered why the housework seems never-ending, or why your laundry doesn't look the way you want it to? Well, if this sounds familiar, Dylon has the answer with its range of products that take the labour out of caring for your fabrics.

With Dylon's range of fabric care products we can help you add back the whiteness, remove a difficult stain and specialist Dylon Colour Run Removers help rescue colour run disasters.

## Dylon Colour Change

If you've ever had any thoughts about home dyeing, you're bound to have images of sixties tie-dye or boiling a pot of dye on the stove and nasty colour runs in the wash.

Haven't times changed! Dylon's highly skilled research and development team has enhanced the range of dyes on offer, to provide dyes and colours for almost any craft, interiors or fashion use. Not only that, but it has never been easier to do or more risk free.

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## Reducing the load for an easier life at home

We've put these helpful hints and handy tips together to make sure you get the best out of your fabrics. Even though we all want our clothes to look good and wear well, it shouldn't be a chore to care for them.

When you know what to do, it makes life easier and the problems get fewer. Dylon's range of specialist fabric care products helps you to renew and rescue your clothes:

- Dylon Machine Dyes renew colour to your favourite clothes. Some fabric dyes are designed to fade, Dylon Machine Dyes are colourfast so they won't run in the wash.
- Dylon Colour Run Removers rescue your clothes from a wash disaster. There is one for 100% whites and one for colours not safe to bleaching.
- Dylon Power Whitener brings back dazzling whites. Can be used as a pre-soak treatment or added to your white wash-load.
- Dylon Stain Removers are specially formulated because not all stains can be treated the same. Dylon Stain Remover for Greasy Stains covers all those difficult stains like oil spots, make-up, kids paint and more. Dylon Stain Remover for Biological stains works on everyday stains from food to drink.



## Off the peg

Take care of your clothes when you take them off and they'll look great when you put them on.

- Choose your hangers carefully. A wide hanger is best for keeping your garments' shoulders in shape, whereas a thin wire one stretches the fabric. Clip hangers are best for trousers.
- Keep your clothes folded and they'll keep their shape.
- Store clothes in a dark, dry, cool place. Cleaning them before putting them away will help to avoid "age spots" occurring. Plastic storage bags keep moths out; cotton or canvas bags let clothes breathe.
- Hanging dresses inside out keeps them clean. Stuffing shoes with newspaper or rolled up socks helps retain their shape.
- Today's fabrics are designed for easy wear, easy care because of new developments in fibre technologies. Feel confident that you "won't wash your clothes away".
- Clothing manufacturers are required to attach a "care label" in the back of the neckline, waistline, or side seam. Check the care label to see if the fabric is washable or dry cleanable.

**Tip:** All stain removers work best when stains are fresh. Blot up as much of the stain as possible with a clean white cloth, paper towel or tissue before treatment.



## A measure of success

It's what you put in your wash that decides how good your wash turns out.

- Do not let clothes get too dirty before washing. Modern man-made fibres are designed to be washed frequently and are easy to care for.
- Choose the right detergent for the job and follow the instructions to achieve the best results. Too little detergent will cause poor stain removal, greying of whites and allow scale to build-up in your washing machine.
- Do not overload your machine as the detergent will not work properly and will reduce the effectiveness of the wash cycle.
- Most detergents are formulated to work in automatic machines. If you use them for hand washing or soaking, rinse your hands thoroughly. Anyone with sensitive skin should avoid prolonged contact or wear rubber gloves.
- Never leave detergents directly on fabrics for too long, as this can often cause some localised bleaching of colour.

**Tip:** Not all coloured trims on white items are colourfast to soaking. Avoid over-night soaking, check soak results regularly.



## Learn all the inside outs

Do the right thing before washing to avoid any disappointments at the end.

- Empty pockets, unfasten buttons, and turn down the cuffs on shirts.
- Turn your jeans inside out if you don't want them to fade too quickly. Do the same with your corduroys or they might streak.
- Close all zips, snaps and hooks as they can damage other fabrics in the wash.
- Place your stockings and washable delicates in a lingerie bag during washing to prevent them snagging.
- Sort garments into whites and colours, then if possible into groups by fabric type e.g. cottons and towels together, synthetics separately.
- If you like the convenience of a mixed-wash, putting colours and whites together; try to buy colourfast clothes that won't colour run.
- Cottons can be warm-hot washed, whilst synthetics like 100% polyester should be warm washed.

**Tip:** Bring back the whiteness with a specialist whitener product.



## Follow the signs

Study garment care labels and they will indicate all you need to know for the care of your garment.



- Washing symbol with a dot or figure inside indicates the ideal water temperature for washing



- No bar below the washing symbol indicates normal machine action. A single bar below the washing symbol indicates the need for reduced machine action (spinning action) for synthetics.

- More bars means more gentle.



- Hand wash is indicated with a hand inside the washing symbol.



- Triangle symbol is for bleaching. With a cross over the triangle symbol it means Do Not Bleach. You will reduce colour if using traditional bleaching products on non-bleach items.



- Square symbol with a circle inside is the tumble dry symbol.



- More dots mean more heat; one dot is cool/low, two dots for warm/medium and three dots for hot/high.



- Circle symbol indicates Dry Cleaning, most articles will have this printed in words if the article is to be professionally cleaned.



- The symbol shaped like an iron indicates ideal ironing temperature. Dots indicate heat temperature as per tumble drying.



- Any symbol with a cross over it means DO NOT.

## Soaking up the atmosphere

A good soaking for badly stained items can make fabrics come up cleaner.

When it's unavoidable to soak do a check routine to be sure your time and effort is not wasted.

- To make sure the dye in a coloured garment will not run when soaked, dampen a small piece of hem or seam then iron a dry white fabric on top. If any colour blots off, soak and wash the garment separately in cool water and rinse at once in cold water. Dry it immediately or roll in an old towel to remove all excess water and avoid streaking.
- Avoid soaking white and coloured items together.
- Take care when soaking wool, silk or fabrics with flame-resistant finishes and only use products suitable for these fabrics.
- Garments with metal fasteners may not be suitable for soaking.
- Give the garment room to soak, don't bunch it up in a small space.
- Make sure the water temperature is not too high for the fabric and be sure the detergent is fully dissolved.

**Tip:** Dylon's Colour Run Removers help you rescue your clothes from a colour run disaster caused by soaking whites with coloured trims.



## Different fabrics need different care

- **Wool** shrinks if washed at very hot temperatures and from the fast spinning action of the machine. Reshape wool and knit garments after washing and dry flat.
- **Acrylic** is a synthetic 'wool like fibre' that can be machine washed.
- **Cotton** can be washed and ironed at high temperatures.
- **Linen** should be hand washed and not tumble dried. Do not wash at very hot temperatures.
- **Silk** should not be washed at high temperatures, or tumble dried.
- **Acetate, Rayon** and **Viscose** must not be tumble dried.
- **Polyester** and **Nylon** are sensitive to heat. They must be washed and ironed at low temperatures.
- **Flame retardant fabrics** should be washed with a mild detergent at temperatures below 50°C.
- **Polyester and fibre filled duvets** can be machine washed if the size of the drum in the machine can accommodate them.
- **Waterproofs** are best preserved by simply sponging the garment where stained.



## Remove stains as easily as you made them

Avoid making a bigger mess of the mess that's just been made.

- Whatever the stain, act quickly to prevent permanent marking.
- Use a knife to scrap off carefully any excess solids without damaging the surface; blot spilt liquids with white kitchen towels.
- Dab carefully, don't agitate, don't rub or you may spread the stain and damage the fabric.
- Work from the outside in so that you'll contain the stain and not spread it.
- Before treating a stain with a stain remover check it doesn't affect the colour or the finish of the fabric. Test first under the hem or an inconspicuous area.
- Be careful with silk as its dyes aren't always colourfast and it retains water marks easily. Dry Cleaning is often recommended for silk garments.
- Don't use stain removers on leather, suede or fur; take them to a specialist cleaner.
- Be aware that hot water sets many protein stains like blood, milk and egg. Treat fresh protein stains in cold water first and then use Dylon Stain Remover for Biological Stains before the wash.

**DYLON Stain Removers** are safe for use on all washable fabrics even delicates like wool and silk (not carpets).



## Dylon Stain Removers

Good news! Most greasy, sticky and ink based stains can be eliminated with Dylon Stain Removers. The specialist, bleach free formulas go to work immediately and the applicator makes targeting the right spot easy. Dylon Stain Removers are for use on all washable fabrics.

### DYLON Stain Remover for Greasy Stains –

Ideal for oils, make-up, biro, grass, polish, wax, adhesive. Also effective on ketchup, chocolate, gum, pollen, inks, nail varnish & emulsion paint. Dylon Stain Remover for Greasy Stains is a citrus based formula that acts like a solvent, dissolving the stain so it can be easily washed away.

### DYLON Stain Remover for Biological Stains –

Ideal for coffee, tea, blood, gravy, egg, milk, mud and protein based stains from food. Dylon Stain Remover for Biological Stains is an enzyme based formula and coloursafe for all washable fabrics.

**Tip:** Colour or dye stains require specialist 'colour run remover' treatments; Dylon Colour Run Remover for Whites and Dylon Colour Run Remover – Coloursafe.



## How to bring back the whiteness

Regular washing could make your whites look grey. Dylon Power Whitener has special whitener agents which put the dazzle back into your whites.

It's suitable for use as a soaker treatment or in-wash with all whites. Dylon Power Whitener for 100% white items is effective in all water temperatures.



### Restoration of antique or greyed whites;

Some colour stains on whites may need pre-treatment. White items with older stains and brownish colour spots can be caused by sugar based tannin stains and may need bleaching.

We recommend Dylon Colour Run Remover for 100% Whites as a bleaching treatment to reduce or remove yellowing caused by chlorine bleaching or sun damage, greying and colour stains. Ideal for removing fabric dye stains.

After treatment with Dylon Colour Run Remover for Whites, warm wash with washing detergent and rinse before adding the Dylon Whitener treatment to restore the whiteness.

**Tip:** Some coloured trims on white garments are not colourfast to soaking with oxygen based stain removers.



## Fabric dyeing in the machine with dylon

Dylon Machine Dyes are colourfast and won't stain the washing machine. All you need to renew the colour in your favourite jeans and trousers is a pack of Dylon Machine Dye and 500g of cooking salt.

Machine dyeing is like doing a load of washing; one cycle to add the colour, then a second cycle to wash-off any excess colour and clean the machine.

Add laundry detergent to the 'wash-off cycle' and to clean the machine. Dylon suggests a higher water level setting for top loaders for the wash-off cycle; wipe the lid and top of washer with a sponge to clean.

Dry away from direct heat and sunlight and your clothes are renewed with colour and ready to wear again. And they won't colour run in the wash.

Dylon Machine dyes already contain the fixative to ensure a colourfast result every time you machine dye.

**Tip:** If you are a regular user of fabric softener please pre-wash items to be dyed with washing detergent without adding softener. This will remove any residue or build-up of chemicals on the fabric and ensure an even dye result.



## The finishing touch, ironing tips

Don't let all your efforts go to waste if the fabric isn't ironed well.

- Always read the label before starting to iron any garment.
- Protect heavily embossed designs on t-shirts by ironing them inside out.
- Iron garments, particularly shirts, whilst slightly damp to achieve a crisp finish.
- Delicates and woollens don't need high heats, the cooler the better.
- Iron collars and cuffs from the corners to the centre to avoid wrinkles.
- Place a damp cloth over the fabric before ironing heavily creased ties.
- Lace should be ironed under a cloth to avoid tearing.

### TEMPERATURE

#### Dry or Steam



One dot in the symbol means the temperature setting should be cool. Use cooler temperatures for polyesters, nylon and 100% synthetics.



Two dots in the symbol and the temperature setting should be warm. Ideal for Polyester/cotton mixtures.



Three dots mean the iron can be used at maximum or hot temperature, ideal for linen and cotton.

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