



Prevention and Cleaning Guide for Fabrics

There are many factors that contribute to increase the life time of Carlos Natal's Fabrics.

Knowing how to choose the type of fabric, its texture and colour according to the application area and its final destination are crucial points. Think well before you purchase any product, establish its functions and location, its main users and anticipate accidents.

Regular care and a constant awareness also help to maintain the fabrics in good conditions for a longer period of time. Respect for the usage and maintenance instructions is essential.

Basic maintenance:

A regular cleaning is vital to preserve the fabrics' looks and extend its useful life.

For a basic maintenance we recommend regular vacuuming, weekly, with medium power. Most fabrics can be cleaned and washed at home, to the exception of those who say "dry cleaning only". Use a lint-free cloth, or a soft sponge, slightly moist with warm water to help remove the non-greasy stains.

If you have a light coloured fabric you must be aware and careful.

Immediate cleaning is required for stubborn stains like ink, ballpoint pen, coffee, red wine and eosin, to avoid any permanent absorption into the fabric and an everlasting stain.

In case of a persistent stain you can always use a pH neutral soap or a cleaning solution for delicate materials. Always rinse with clean water at the end and allow it to air dry naturally. To avoid the formation of a ring always clean from the outside to the centre. You must never soak the fabric; the purpose is to moisten for easier dirt removal. This only applies to small stains, for large soiling we recommend the cleaning of the totality of the fabric.

For a deep cleaning we suggest dry cleaning and/or spray extraction.

N.B.: Do not brush strongly to avoid damage on colours and fibres. It is strictly forbidden to use abrasive and/or corrosive detergents and solutions. Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside.

After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner.

Guide to remove stains from fabrics:

Preparation for stain removal

- Brush carefully and vacuum with medium power;
- Pre-wash with a neutral soap solution;
- If possible, after each wash-up, use a spray extraction system or let it dry naturally.

Do not directly expose to sun rays to avoid damaging the colouration.

Blood:

Use a lint-free cloth soaked in cold water and wipe gently in circles. If the stain persists, you can also use a warm water solution with 1:10 neutral soap, wipe the solution and apply only the foam, rub gently in circles. Let it stand for a few minutes. Rinse with clean water and let it dry naturally. (Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside. After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner).

Ink / Ballpoint pen:

Use an absorbent paper to clean as most ink as possible, use a water solution with 1:10 ethanol and rub gently. If you notice any signs of degradation, stop and contact a professional cleaner.

Butter / Oil:

Use a warm water solution with 1:10 neutral soap, wipe the solution and apply only the foam, rub gently in circles. Let it stand for a few minutes. Rinse with clean water and let it dry naturally. (Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside. After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner).

Honey / Red Wine / Lipstick:

Use an absorbent paper to clean as most ink as possible. Use a warm water solution with 1:10 neutral soap, wipe the solution and apply only the foam, rub gently in circles. Let it stand for a few minutes. Rinse with clean water and let it dry naturally. (Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside. After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner). If possible use spray extraction.

Chocolate / Coffee / Sauce / Makeup:

Use a warm water solution with 1:10 neutral soap, wipe the solution and apply only the foam, rub gently in circles. Let it stand for a few minutes. Rinse with clean water and let it dry naturally. (Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside.

After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner). If possible use spray extraction.

Wax / Gum:

Cool it with a bag with ice cubes until the wax / gum gets rigid. Scrape very gently and vacuum immediately. You can also use a warm water solution with 1:10 neutral soap. Wipe the solution and apply only the foam, rub gently in circles. Let it stand for a few minutes. Rinse with clean water and let it dry naturally. (Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside. After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner).

N.B.: These are just general cleaning recommendations, it is impossible to insure that they are 100% efficient in stain removal. Please contact a professional cleaner if you have any doubts.

Attention: Certain cloths and accessories, like jeans, can dye lighter colours. This phenomenon is increased by humidity and temperature, and it is irreversible. We understand the distress end-users may experience as a result of this but we cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience caused by external contaminants. We do not assume any responsibility that may arise from a bad usage, maintenance and / or cleaning.