

# SORTING CLOTHES

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Before you wash you clothes, sort them into groups. Each group would be made up of cloths that are alike Why is it a good ideas to sort clothes?

## Here are some steps to follow when you sort clothes:

### 1. First, sort by color.

Separate clothes into groups of whites, light colors, and dark colors. Read the care labels on the garments. Make sure that a color won't bleed or run when the garment is washed. (If a color bleeds, the care label will say "Wash separately".) Suppose you have a light red shirt that bleeds. You wash it with white shirts. **What** do you think will happen to the white shirts?

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### 2. Next, sort by fabrics.

Look at the care label to identify the fabric for each group. Then sort them again into wash loads according to wash methods. Put clothes that have the same kind of fabric in each load. For instance, delicate fabrics such as polyester blouses and nylon slips can go into a load. **What other** delicate fabrics might you wash in this load?

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Heavy fabrics such as denim jeans and work clothes can go into another load. **What other** heavy/sturdy fabrics might go in that load?

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### 3. Sort very dirty clothes together.

When you have clothes that are very dirty, such as sweaty gym clothes, you could sort them into separate load. **Why** do you think that's a good idea?

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### 4. Sort by permanent care label instructions.

Some clothes, due to their fabric or construction, require special treatment when washing. **Think** of some clothes that may need special treatment or care?

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### 5. How else could you sort clothes?

You can sort clothes into any kind of group - as long as the clothes in each group are alike. **How else** might you sort clothes?

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