



**Fabric Care**  
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# General Fabric Care Instructions

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Fabric should always be handled in a clean area with clean hands and equipment.

## Cleaning

- Machine washing on gentle cycle and drying with medium/cool heat is acceptable.
- Fabric may be ironed. Use Permanent Press Setting and non-waxed, non-inked paper between iron and fabric. Keep iron in constant motion.
- Refer to the *Emergency Stain Treatment* chart on page 3 of this document for the best way to clean various types of stains.

## Packing & Storage

- Be sure fabric is clean and dry before packing.
- Fold inside out or face in along seams and then roll.
- Store product in a cool dry area (40-80F).

## Long Term Fabric Care

- Dust periodically with a Swiffer® wipes
- Hand vacuum fabric with an upholstery attachment as needed
- The best way to extend the life of your Portland Color fabric is to maintain an environment with controlled and consistent heat and humidity levels.
- High levels of UV light can shorten the life of your Portland Color fabric.

# Emergency Stain Treatment

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## General Instructions

1. Identify the stain before you treat it. Use the Stain Removal Guide.
2. Promptly treat stain.
3. Apply treatments from the side away from the stain (usually the inside face of the product). This is not possible with 'coated fabric' (Coated fabric is fabric that has a sealant or wax-like surface.) and fabric constructions that have a liner. Stains on either of these must be treated from the stain side.
4. Use water sparingly. Too much can cause water stains or spread original stain.

## Treatment Instructions

1. Lift, scrape or blot as much of the stain off as possible. Blot with white cloth or similar material. Avoid paper products.
2. Work from the outside edges toward the center of the stain.
3. Masking tape can be an effective lifting device for drier materials like loose dirt, pencil and ink.
4. Most natural stains may be treated with distilled water. Apply water to the back of the stain, and force it through fabric by pushing on the back side while stretching the fabric, or add water while blotting, using care to keep the wet area as small as possible. Repeat procedure until the water runs clear.
5. For stains not responsive to water, follow the Stain Removal Guide and the manufacturer's instructions or call Portland Color for assistance. Rinse cleaners from fabric with distilled water, blotting from the outside of the stain in towards the center and dry thoroughly to avoid spreading the stain.

# Stain Removal Guide

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| <b>Stain</b>      | <b>Best Cleaner</b>    | <b>Alternative Solutions</b>          |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Blood             | Shout®                 | Amodex®, 3% Hydrogen Peroxide         |
| Loose Dirt        | Stiff Brush            | Shout®, Pre-Spot®, 303 Fabric Cleaner |
| Fingernail Polish | Denatured Alcohol      | Acetone                               |
| Ink               | Tape/Denatured Alcohol | Amodex®                               |
| Lipstick          | Shout®                 | Amodex®                               |
| Oil, Grease       | K2r®                   | Corn Starch & Shout®                  |
| Pencil            | Tape/Denatured Alcohol | Amodex®, Pre-Spot®                    |
| Food/Drink        | Shout®                 | Contact Portland Color                |
| Mystery Stain     | Contact Portland Color |                                       |

\*Note: The treatments listed above are general and may not be appropriate for all fabrics. Please consult your Portland Color Customer Service Representative when in doubt.