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Preparing your laundry

There are several things that are important to do prior to putting your laundry in the washing machine. It is important to take precautions with your “special” clothes to help them last longer and protect them from damage. Below are some key words. Use the key words as a clue to determine what needs to be done BEFORE you wash your laundry. Write down the action that needs to be taken to prep your laundry. There is an example done for you.

| Key word | Action to take before laundering |
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| <i>Example:</i> Delicates (like frilly scarves, lacey clothes) | <i>Answer:</i> Place delicate items in a mesh bag for protection and then put in the washer |
| Tough Stains (like tomato sauce, grass, ink) | |
| Pockets | |
| Zippers, Snaps | |
| Rips, tears and holes | |

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| Folded cuffs (on sleeves or pants) | |
| Clothes with rhinestones, beads & sequins | |
| Belts, chains | |
| Clothes with iron-on logos, pictures or appliques | |