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**Sweater/Leggings Costume Care and Instructions**

Costumes are to be gently laundered (BY HAND, in cold water with mild detergent and should be taken care as if they are your own.

***"DO NOT put this costume in a washer or dryer"***

Use a mild detergent such as: Woolite, Dreft or Ivory Snow. Whatever detergent you choose be certain it does **NOT** contain bleach.

1. Fill a sink or basin with cold water and a small amount of mild detergent, swirl water with your hand to make sure detergent is fully dissolved and mixed.
2. Immerse fabric in water making sure it is completely covered with water.
3. Gently swirl and squeeze the garment working the suds through the fabric do not pull, stretch or wring the fabric.
4. If the garment has a stain gently use a sleeve or other area of that garment to rub out stain.
5. To remove makeup from inside neckline, turn costume inside out, apply a small drop of mild soap to a soft tooth brush, and gently brush the make-up stains in a circular motion until completely gone.
6. Let garment soak for 2-3 minutes.
7. Lift the garment out of the water and gently squeeze excess water out of the garment.
8. Drain water from the sink or basin, refill it with fresh water and swirl the garment around to rinse.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 until there are no more suds in the water.
10. After the final rinse lift the garment out of the water, gently squeeze excess water out of the garment.

 a. **Leggings**: lay flat on a dry towel to dry.

 b. **Sweater:** Roll the towel and garment up (like a jelly roll) and gently press on towel to remove excess water. Repeat process on second dry towel if necessary. Hang sweater upside down on a plastic hanger. Fasten the bottom hem to the hanger every few inches with clothes pins or clips and let dry. This will help preserve the length of the garment

1. Having your costumes professionally dry cleaned is another option but you assume the risk if damaged.

When storing your costumes at home do not hang the sweaters on a hanger at the shoulders this will cause it to stretch.

If a stain will not come out by using these methods, the costume becomes scorched, damaged, or if the fit has you concerned please contact Toni Kreitzer immediately, to schedule a time to look at the costume and figure out a solution (in other words don't wait until the last minute!!!).

In Harmony,

Toni Kreitzer

Costume Team Coordinator