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# CLOTHING TAGS & TIPS

## Check Fabric, Workmanship

As you shop for apparel remember to:

### Check the fabric—

- ✓ What is the fiber content?
- ✓ Can it be laundered by machine or by hand?
- ✓ Will it shrink out of fit?
- ✓ Will it fade?
- ✓ If it's dry clean only, do you want to pay for that?
- ✓ Will it ravel easily?
- ✓ Is it durable—will it give good wear?
- ✓ Is the fabric suitable for the purpose you have in mind? Is it suitable to the style of the garment?
- ✓ Will it stretch out of shape easily?
- ✓ Does it have any special finishes such as permanent press or shrinkage control?

### Check the workmanship—

- ✓ Is the garment cut on grain?
- ✓ Do patterned fabrics match at the seams?
- ✓ Are seams wide enough for altering, if needed?
- ✓ Are seams finished to prevent raveling?
- ✓ Is the stitching secure?
- ✓ Are the buttonholes well made?
- ✓ Are strain points reinforced?
- ✓ Can the hem be let out if needed? (Creases in permanent press fabrics cannot be removed.)

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## **And, finally, is the garment right for you—**

✓ Does the style look good on you?

✓ Is the color flattering to your hair and skin tones?

✓ Does it fit? Will it need alterations? Can you do it or will you have to pay to have it done? Major alterations are seldom practical.

✓ Is it comfortable—not too tight or too loose? Sit, stand, walk and bend to find out.

✓ Do collar, neckline and sleeves fit properly?

✓ Will it shrink out of size when washed or cleaned?

✓ Did you look in the mirror—front, side, and back?

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