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Chapter 25: Caring for Clothes—Glossary

appliqué. A decorative cutout made from material or embroidery.

care labels. Small labels on clothing describing how to clean the garment without damaging the textiles.

dry cleaning. Process of cleaning clothes using chemical solvents instead of water.

flat-drying. Drying garments on a flat surface.

ironing. Process of removing wrinkles with heat using a gliding motion.

line-drying. Hanging the garment to dry either outdoors, over a towel rack, or with a special type of drying device.

moths. Insects that feed on woolen garments.

permanent press. Garments requiring no ironing.

pressing. The process of removing wrinkles from clothing using a lifting motion and steam.

prewash. Pretreatment of clothing stains before laundering.

redesign. To change the appearance or function of a garment.

resale shops. Stores that purchase expensive items for low prices and resells them for a profit.

snag. A loop of yarn pulled out of fabric.

sorting. Grouping clothes by fabric weight, color, degree of soil, fabric construction, and size of item.

stain. A spot or discoloration on a garment that is hard to remove.

tannin. A reddish, plant-based acid occurring naturally in various foods and drinks.

tumble drying. Technique used to dry clothes in automatic dryers.