

# Laundry Symbols Demystified

Universal or international garment care symbols can be confusing, and since they regularly appear on yarn ball bands, **skacel** wanted to present a quick guide to their interpretation. The symbols listed below are used with the permission of the Textile Industry Affairs ([www.textileindustryaffairs.com](http://www.textileindustryaffairs.com)). Please note that these symbols are the standardized symbols for the United States, and may be different than the European symbols. They are presented here as a "guide", and are not all inclusive. Though **skacel** provides these as a helpful aide, we bear no responsibility for their interpretation or use.

Here are some things to remember:

- 1) Lines under a symbol refer to gentle - the more lines, the more gently that action should be done
- 2) Dots refer to heat - the more dots, the hotter
- 3) An "X" through a symbol means Do Not Do whatever that symbol indicates.

		Machine Wash, COLD		Machine Wash, COLD Permanent Press		Machine Wash, COLD Gentle Cycle		Hand Wash
		Machine Wash, WARM		Machine Wash, WARM Permanent Press		Machine Wash, WARM Gentle Cycle		Do Not Wash
		Machine Wash, HOT		Machine Wash, HOT Permanent Press		Machine Wash, HOT Gentle Cycle		

		Bleach as needed <i>Any bleach, like Clorox®, may be safely used</i>		Do Not Bleach <i>No bleach product should be used including detergents with bleach - or follow bleach package test procedures to test for bleach safety.</i>
		Non-chlorine Bleach as needed <i>Use only a color-safe bleach, like Clorox 2®</i>		

		Tumble Dry, NO HEAT		Tumble Dry, Permanent Press, NO HEAT		Tumble Dry, Gentle Cycle, NO HEAT		Do Not Tumble Dry
		Tumble Dry, LOW HEAT		Tumble Dry, Permanent Press, LOW HEAT		Tumble Dry, Gentle Cycle, LOW HEAT		Line Dry
		Tumble Dry, MEDIUM		Tumble Dry, Permanent Press, MEDIUM		Tumble Dry, Gentle Cycle, MEDIUM		Drip Dry
		Tumble Dry, HIGH						Dry Flat

		Iron, Steam or Dry, with LOW HEAT		Do Not Iron with Steam
		Iron, Steam or Dry, with MEDIUM HEAT		
		Iron, Steam or Dry, with HIGH HEAT		

		Dryclean <i>May appear with additional letters and/or lines</i> Take this item to a professional drycleaner		Do Not Dryclean
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