

## 27. STORAGE OF CLOTHES

The basic knowledge of proper collection and safety of garments is essential for every person. Clothes are closely associated to each and every individual all time. In this case, the proper storage and maintenance of garments are more important and necessary steps than their shopping, selection, sewing, washing and ironing. In the absence of proper care and storage along with their maintenance, both the costly and cheap clothes are spoiled and turned from precious to not worth wearing. Well-stored garments can only be obtained through proper apparel scheme at the right time. But sometimes due to lack of time and faulty habit, clothes are treated badly, they are not hanged or folded properly nor they washed or stored properly in box or cupboard. The clothes kept in this manner cannot be worn again and thus they become unfit to wear. In such a case, if we have to go to a party suddenly, and we have to get ready and dress up, we are compelled to wear the dress that is dirty, without press and with missing hooks or buttons and even matching hand kerchief is dirty, tie not pressed, the socks are not in place. The mood for attending the party and having fun gets spoiled due to all these reasons. At the same time, we don't reach to the party in time. Therefore, it is very important that the clothes should be looked after and stored properly.

### Steps of Storage :

**1. Place :** It is mandatory to select a place for usage and proper storage. The portion of house in which the clothes are kept should be free from moisture and water. All garments have to be stored for short or long time duration, depending on their nature and variety. A box-wardrobe is

used to keep clothes. This can be of wood, iron or steel. Apart from this, the clothes can also be stored in almirah which are made in an open wall in the house. Clothes can also be kept in the suitcase of different sizes, but the wardrobe is a place which is considered more suitable for garments, but according to the weather, chest or box are most suitable. The place where the clothes are to be stored, i.e. the chest, box, closet etc. should be clean and dry.

**2. Sorting of clothes :** The sorting of clothes is essential in storage. First of all, it is necessary to make sure that what clothes are used at what time, which one are required according to the occasion regularly. Separate the clothes which are stored for a long time, such as, according to the season, clothes for winter and summer, also separate them according to special occasions and also the clothes of daily use.

While sorting, separate clothes to be home washed and dry-cleaned, should be taken care of stain spots too and separate them from clean clothes. While sorting out garments, check the hooks, buttons, fingerprints, and chains etc. among them. Clothes should not be torn or damaged. Also check the decoration such as laces, falls, designer buttons etc. be on clothes.

**3. Clean storage and immediate repairs :** It is necessary to wash clothes in a proper and appropriate manner after sorting of garments, but most important is to repair the clothes, all the garment buttons, hooks, etc. should be fitted well and they should be intact, if required. In

damaged clothes, darning and mending is necessary. Do not store stained clothes at any cost and firstly get rid of them. Washing, drying, pressing, etc. are necessary steps to be completed before storing the clothes .

On the basis of the above points, we will be able to collect the garments properly and also be able to save them from damage. In the final process of collection, it is appropriate to sort clothes according to their use and utility. As per requirement clothes should be sorted as used round the year, occasion, in addition to all this, the clothes are stored according to the members of the house.

**1. Storage of garments to be worn regularly throughout the year :** Textiles are an integral part of our lives. The daily activities of our life can't be imagined without clothes. The toughest task in storage of garments, is to collect and maintain the regular and daily use garments. Since these garments are used regularly, their storage should be at such a place that we can use the clothes without any hassle as and when needed.

Clothes are used in everyday life as home wear, night wear, school uniforms, napkins ,socks etc. and it is essential to wash them daily. Drying clothes properly, creasing and pressing them in proper way and arrange the clothes.

There is no place more suitable than the wardrobe for the storage of clothes because there are many sizes of racks and shelves in it. Clothing can be kept in the wardrobe rack and shelf according to the size of the garments. The clothes that cannot be folded in the closet are also in the cupboard and they can be hanged. Hangers should be used according to clothes like sarees, coats, pants, shirts etc. In such a way, the folds of the clothes are maintained and they are accessible at the right time and in good condition.

There are small racks in the cupboard where small cloths can be kept, such as napkin, socks, vest, and underwear etc. When needed, all these small clothing are found in one place.

To keep the garment accessories there are small racks in the cupboard, in which tie, tie-pin, cup-

genders, kurtas, buttons etc. can be kept. By doing so, these small and important things are easily available on time. At times, we wish to wear the used clothes again,before doing so we should dry the sweat in clothes by hanging them in air. Never store dirty clothes with clean clothes while collecting.

**2. Storage of garments according to the occasion :** There is a tradition of wearing apparel according to the occasions in Indian culture. Precious clothes are kept for the marriage, festival and special functions.Banarasi, Brocade, Genuine georgette and precious gemstone etc. require special care and storage as they have to be saved for a long time and for this, the trunk, briefcase and closure wardrobe can be used. They should not be kept with woolen and warm clothes. The real gold-silver-work clothes, the precious sarees, the brocade, the clothes with jari work should be wrapped in a silk cloth properly. We prevent them from getting dirty by doing this and also the blackening of stones and gems in them. The place where the clothes are stored, such as a trunk & wardrobe should be cleaned first and then firstly lay neem leaves and a clean cloth and store precious clothes. Zari clothes should be exposed to air time to time. This keeps the quality of the clothes intact. Silk fabrics should also be preserved in the same way like above garments. The crease of these clothes should also be changed from time to time and also spread them in open air at regular intervals. Silk textiles are too delicate and precious, so special care is required in storing them.

**3. Storage of garments according to the weather :** Clothes are preserved for a long time according to the season. All warm clothes should be washed and dried properly before storing. For woolen clothes storage, diwan with wooden box is most suitable of all. By cleaning the chest, the newspaper should be laid down in it. Dry leaves of neem or naphthalene should be kept with clothes. Now, keep the clothes with proper crease and shape making layers one above another, putting naphthalene tablets in

between these layer of clothes. Dry cleaned clothes should be wrapped in the newspaper while coats, jackets, leather jacket, fur coat etc. should be kept in the cover and then hang them in cupboard so as to maintain their press and crease and safely enclosed in cupboard.

Storage of blanket quilts etc. should be done as soon as the winter season is over. Before storing them, remove the cover of the quilt and blankets, then they should be exposed to sunlight properly, washed or dry cleaned well after that the quilt should be kept with the naphthalene balls in the bed-box. The cover of quilts and blankets should be washed with dettol water and then they should be drained well. Naphthalene balls should be kept in between the sides of these clothes.

Following points should be kept in mind while storing the garments :

1. Clothes should be sorted out before storing.
2. Repair and clean clothes should be done before store.
3. Clothing should be removed from the adornment material which can be removed.
4. The place of storage should be clean and dry.
5. Clothes should be dried well in sunlight before storing .
6. Ensure that no dirt or stain remain on clothes.
7. Clean clothes should not be stored with dirty ones.
8. Expensive clothes such as silk clothes, brocade and banarasi clothes should be exposed to air on regular interval and crease should be change at regular intervals.
9. Woolen clothes should be wrapped in newspaper to preserve them from insects.
10. Garments used once should be dried in air and store seperately.

### **Advantage of storing clothes :**

1. The durability and age of clothes increases.
2. Clothes are safe and available in good condition as and when required.
3. Expensive clothes can be maintained new, lively and saved from destruction.

4. Money and efforts are saved by storage.
5. Clothes are not misused by storing them.

### **Important points :**

1. Storage of clothes is an important process.
2. It is necessary to clean items that are worn regularly.
3. The storing of garments is done on the basis of their need and utility.
4. When storing the clothes, they should be clean, free from dust, moisture and dirt.
5. Almiraha and closet should be closed after storing clothes.
6. The first stage of the collection is the key of the proper location, the splash of clothes, the clean storage and instant repairs etc.

### **Questions :**

1. Select the correct answer for the following questions
  - (i) Storage of clothing saves:
 

(a) Time	(b) Money
(c) Effort	(d) All the above
  - (ii) Which clothing folds should be changed from time to time by spreading in open air for :
 

(a) Woolen clothes	(b) Cotton clothes
(c) Silk clothes	(d) All the above
  - (iii) Newspaper saves clothes from :
 

(a) Insects	(b) Moisture
(c) Fungus	(d) Decay
  - (iv) Clothes are stored as per season for
 

(a) Short duration	(b) Long duration
(c) One month	(d) None of them
  - (v) Storing clothes in trunk and wardrobe should be:
 

(a) Clean and wet	(b) Bid and open
(c) Clean and dry	(d) None of the above
2. Fill in the blanks :
  - (i) By storage of clothes, they can be saved from .....
  - (ii) Storage of clothes increase their ..... and .....

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| (iii) ..... clothes should not be stored with ..... clothes.        | 7  | Why mending and sorting of clothes important before storing them ? |
| (iv) ..... balls should be used while storing clothes.              | 8  | Why cleaning of daily use clothes is mandatory. Discuss it ?       |
| (v) Firstly clothes should be ..... and then they should be stored. | 9. | Discuss the process of storing expensive and premium clothes.      |
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| 3. Why storage of garments is mandatory ?  | <b>Answer :</b>  |
| 4 Write importance of neatly stored clothes ?  | 1. (i) d (ii) c (iii) a (iv) b (v) c   |
| 5 What points should be remembered while storing clothes properly ?                  | 2. (i) Destroy (ii) Durability, Age<br>(iii) Clean (iv) Napthalene (v) Sorting |
| 6. Why clothes should be exposed to sunlight and air at regular intervals. Clear it? |  |