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## This is your 'Care Swatch'

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**When Satin Stitches manufactures your team outfits, we automatically create a 'Care Swatch' for you.**

This swatch includes the fabrics and trims that we used on your order. The care label that is sewn into your garments, is a suggestion of what might be the best plan for laundering your garments. You must ALWAYS test first.

### This swatch has 2 purposes:

1. You can carry it with you, to pick out shoes, hose, jewelry or other accessories for your performance, or for helping to choose lipstick, blush or eye shadow colors.
2. More importantly, this 'Care Swatch' is for you to TEST, before you attempt any laundering of your team outfits, including any spot cleaning that you might want to do. This way, you can possibly ruin this 'Care Swatch' rather than ruin one of your outfits.

If your costume or uniform includes ANY surface-printed fabrics, be aware that these fabrics were created for their flashy, visual appeal, NOT for laundering. They must be handled with great care, with any laundering procedure. Anything holographic will NOT dry-clean and cannot be washed with any agitation – the holographic effects will simply disappear. We don't recommend any dry-cleaning or washing with agitation for any non-holographic fabrics either, although they might survive. We only suggest gentle hand washing, and with multiple colors of fabrics sewn together in one garment – we only suggest gentle spot-cleaning of the dirty areas.

### NEVER soak performance costumes

### How to use your 'Care Swatch' to test cleaning:

- ♥ Recreate any spotting – lipstick or soda spills etc. on this 'Care Swatch' and then attempt to spotclean the stain away. We list all types of suggestions in our paperwork that accompanies this 'Care Swatch' and also have several articles and blogs posted on our [satinstitches.com](http://satinstitches.com) website..
- ♥ Before any laundering of your team outfits, test this swatch: If you hope to hand wash your team outfits – then hand wash this swatch first. If you hope to dry-clean, then present this 'Care Swatch' to your dry-cleaner, and see if the process is successful.
- ♥ If the laundering method that you choose does NOT work with your 'Care Swatch', do NOT attempt laundering your team outfits in this manner.

**Always keep this 'Care Swatch' with your team information. It can be very valuable to your team, in the future.**

Call or email with any questions: 763.323.9507  
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