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## Taking Care of Your Solo/School Dress

1. **Always, always, always air your dress out** for a couple of days so the perspiration/sweat is dry before storing it in the garment bag. All kids sweat—children *and* teenagers.
2. If you have the **Full-Half Bag**, make sure the dress is laid flat under the bed or wherever it's stored. I would unzip it some so the air can circulate through the top and the netting on the bottom. Throw a sheet on top to keep dust and pets off of the dress and bag, or use our **muslin slipcover**.
3. If you purchased the **Travel Wedge**, and if your dress can be kept folded, unzip the bag a bit so that air can circulate in the bag. If you have to keep your dress unfolded, open the bag completely and put a sheet on top of your dress to keep dust from getting on the dress and bag, or use our **muslin slipcover**.
4. If you have the **lightweight bag**, unzip it halfway so the air can circulate in the bag; lay it flat under your bed with a sheet on top of it. If your dressmaker says you can hang it, then go ahead.
5. Our **muslin slipcover** is perfect for carrying two dresses in one bag. It protects your dresses from rubbing against one another. The dresses are too delicate to rub against one another. You also can use your old cover-up for the same purpose.
6. Wear our **dress shields** or **camisoles** when wearing your dress. Just use *something* to collect the perspiration from your body.
7. I have been told to put a **dryer sheet** in the bag to help make your dress smell fresher. I would put the dryer sheet in a plastic bag so the oils don't get on the outside of the dress; you can put the dryer sheet into the pocket of the bag or near the underarm area of your dress.
8. **If you feel the dowel rod is too harsh**, it can be covered with something silky or soft, or you can get PVC pipe from your local hardware store.
9. **Never use Velcro inside the bag**, so it doesn't grab onto your dress. If you have Velcro on your dress because of the cape, put the Velcro down on the bag so it doesn't rub on your dress, or put the cape inside the pocket.
10. Always get dressmaker approval for these tips!

Good luck and great feising! *Rosemarie Kelso*