



Holiday Hints

Talking Turkey About The Holidays

(NAPSA)—As the holidays rapidly approach, the worries begin about how all the preparation will be completed: unpacking decorations, washing table linens, planning parties, finding the perfect outfit, traveling and dealing with unexpected problems that arise. Daunting tasks for even the most organized! Rowenta Inc., manufacturer of high-end garment care products, offers a few tips to creating the perfect hassle-free holiday season.

• **CANDLEWAX CATASTROPHE:** Having trouble removing that challenging glob of candle wax from the center of your lovely linen tablecloth?

WHAT TO DO: Remove the excess wax using a butter knife. Cover the remaining wax with a brown paper bag and run a warm iron over it. As the bag absorbs the wax, move a clean area of the bag over the wax until it is all absorbed. Keep in mind, using an iron with a great thermostat will keep your linens from scorching.

• **PARTY DRESS PANIC:** Are you worried that when you remove your favorite party outfit from the closet you'll find it's wrinkled and lost that "fresh" look?

WHAT TO DO: Whether it's a full-length gown or a velvet dress, you can easily breathe freshness back into your garment. Working from the top down, hold the iron 4" away from the fabric, applying bursts of steam and smoothing over the just steamed area with your hand. If a garment is very wrinkled, lightly mist with water and hang for 10-20 minutes before steaming.

• **PRE-TRAVEL TRAUMA:** Are you lucky enough to trade the holiday madness for a tremendous



A few tips on ironing out a few problems can make the holidays seem to go much smoother.

holiday vacation but concerned your packing process will take longer than the duration of your trip?

WHAT TO DO: Pack the "durable" items in your suitcase first. Anything on the bottom is going to take the pressure of what's on top of it so place items such as sweaters, jeans and workout equipment in the suitcase first. Put undergarments and socks into your shoes to save space and help shoes keep their shape. Try and pack as tightly as possible so everything is secure. Remember, even though you may be a master packer, your clothes may still need to be pressed once unpacked. Rowenta makes a great travel iron with a collapsible handle for easy storage and transport.

No matter what the holiday obstacle is, there is one tip to remember above all else: Relax and have a good time. The holidays are about spending time with each other and giving thanks for what we have.

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