

CLOTHING

While reviewing this information with the students, have good and bad examples of each guideline to show the class. When purchasing infant's clothing, there are four general guidelines that should be considered: safety, comfort, care, and allowance for growth.

SAFETY

1. Fire retardant.
2. Not tight or binding.
3. No loose buttons or other fasteners.
4. No loose trim.
5. Antibacterial--labeled *Sani-Guard* or *Sanitized*.

COMFORT

1. Soft--knit fabrics are great!
2. Nonirritating--flat seams, flat fasteners, not bulky.
3. No fuzzy trims that tickle.
4. Neck openings large enough for the baby's head.
5. Not tight or binding.
6. Right weight for needed warmth--several layers instead of one heavy garment.
7. Roomy for active body movements.
8. Anti-static.
9. Absorbent.

EASY CARE

1. Machine washable--can be washed with other colors.
2. Soil release finish.
3. Shrinkage control--labeled *sanforized*.
4. Little or no ironing needed.
5. Easy to mend.

ALLOWANCE FOR GROWTH

1. One piece outfits without obvious waistlines.
2. Knits and fabrics that have some stretch to them.
3. Elastic waistbands.
4. Two-piece outfits.
5. Adjustable straps.