

PREVENT WRINKLES WHEN PACKING

Air travel can be crushing to clothes. Here are some tips for keeping a fresh-pressed look without packing a travel iron:

USE A TOP-LOADING BAG. The frame and shape of a top-loading carry-on lets you stack clothes neatly and keeps them in place, which helps prevent wrinkling.

WRAP CLOTHES IN PLASTIC. Take a dry-cleaner's bag and place a folded garment on top of it, then fold or roll the bag so it's encasing the garment. Place plastic-wrapped pieces in your suitcase so there's a layer of plastic between each garment. To reduce wrinkling even more, fold garments around a large piece of tissue paper and wrap folded garments in plastic or put them into plastic bags.

PACK GARMENT BAGS ACCORDING TO FABRIC WEIGHT. Put clothes made of the heaviest fabrics -- raincoats, jackets, and suits -- at the back of a hang-up bag. Then place successively lighter-weight garments on top. Sheathing at least every other piece in a dry-cleaner's plastic bag will reduce wrinkles further.

