

Frequently Asked Questions... answered by Lora

~At Home Care of Worship Tools~

FLAGS:

My flags fray on the ends, what can I do to prevent this?

There is a product sold by Ortiz called "Fray Check" which you can find it at your local sewing/craft store. This helps to seal the edges and would be best for a temporary fix. I would recommend finding a seamstress that can sew the edges for you; it is the sure way to stop the fraying all together.



My wooden flag sticks break easily during warfare praise what can I do?

There are 2 remedies for this; and believe me I go through this more often that I can count. 😊

1. The 1st is to buy thicker dowels (sticks). I personally use the 7/16 size which are a little heavier and also bigger in diameter. Some of the gals that try to use my flags say they get fatigued easily due to the weight of the sticks.
2. The 2nd is to wrap your flag sticks. You can use white electrical tape (good quality). Using good quality will help to prevent the sticky on the tape from bleeding through to your flag. You can also use white nursing tape and you would need to double wrap with it. There is a lesser chance of getting the sticky on your flags with the nursing tape.

How would you suggest I store my flags?

What I do is, keep all my flags in plastic sleeves rolled around the poles. The rolling of the flag keeps the wrinkles down to a minimum. The secret is in the rolling. When you roll the flag around the pole make sure the fabric is in the center or the pole and smoothing it out as you roll it up. Ideally, if you have a place to hang your flags, go for it.

SILKS:

My silk flags & veils have static cling, is there a product to combat this?

The best thing to do is use "Static Guard" because it is safe for all fabric types. Just spray the flag lightly from about 12"-16" away. If you need to spray again do so. Remember a little bit will go a long way. This can be used on your worship garments as well.



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Can I wash & iron my silk veils or flags?

Yes, to both.

- **WASHING SILK:** hand-wash with a solution of ½ Water and ½ Woolite in cool water. All silks need to be line dried, don't put them in the dryer. Try not to wash them unless it is absolutely necessary.
- **IRONING SILK:** Your silk will most likely need to be ironed from time to time. Use the steam setting on the iron. (Make sure the iron is clean! If not, the steam can leave spots.) If there is any kind of painting or decoration on the silk, iron on the opposite (wrong) side.

RIBBONS:

My ribbon streamers fray on the ends, what can I do to prevent this?

What I do with all ribbon streamers whether on sticks or tambourines is to seal each ribbon by fire. What I mean by that is, you use a lit candle or a lighter and very, very quickly pass the ribbon edge over the flame. This process melts the ribbon and seals it. With extensive use of your worship tools with ribbons, this process may have to be repeated. Be careful not to hold the ribbon over the flame too long because it will look charred.



TABRETS & GLORY HOOPS:

My tabret streamers wrinkle, am I doing something wrong?

No not at all. Once you begin to use your tabret, the streamers will eventually show some wear. Most often the metallic streamers will wrinkle or curl over time. A good habit to get into to is to, hang your tabret up at all times making sure the streamers are free to dangle.

Words of caution... do not keep your tabret or glory hoop with metallic streamers in direct sunlight or in a hot car. Tabret streamers will melt and curl, I've seen it happen all too often living in a warm climate. If that happens the tabret is not longer usable!



? Do you have any Questions?

I'd be happy to answer them, contact me (Lora): rozkowski@gmail.com



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