



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TEXTILES: COSTUME ACCESSORIES

- Priority: Begin drying within 48 hours to prevent mold growth.
- Handling: Support all accessories when moving them; use a solid support. Keep handling to minimum as these complex objects can be greatly weakened by water.
- Precautions:
- Preparation for Drying: Prepare the room and surfaces for drying as for textiles and clothing.

Supplies Needed

polyethylene sheeting
terry cloth toweling
cheesecloth

blotters
sponges
muslin or boards for carrying

- Drying Procedures: Do not attempt to open fans or parasols, and do not reshape hats while wet. Gently blot water from the objects with sponges, blotter, terry cloth toweling, or paper towels. As hats dry, they can be gently reshaped and padded with acid-free tissue or polyester batting for drying. Shoes and gloves should be treated as for leather historical objects; in general gloves do not need to be padded out for drying. Fans and parasols should be dried as is; do not attempt to open or reshape them. If any of the objects have bleeding dyes, follow the procedure outlined under Textiles and Clothing.