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DESCRIPTION/SUBHEAD: Rockettes go through dance tights like crazy. Old, worn-out tights can be worn over the head and arms as a body-warmer. Here are 10 more ways to reuse dance tights around your house.

BODY COPY:

Dance tights are a staple of any dancer's wardrobe. During an eight-week season, we Rockettes go through 1,400 pairs*.

Instead of just throwing old tights away, dancers have been known to repurpose them as upper-body-warmers by cutting holes for their head and hands in the tights. Clever dancers! The list of home uses for old tights is a long one, though, and we're happy to share it with you. You may be surprised by more than a few.

Removing Makeup - Cut the feet from your old dance tights and cut the rest into square cloths. After a night out or a performance, the fabric gently exfoliates your skin and makes taking off your makeup (even eyeliner) a breeze.

Aromatic Enhancement - Filled with the right ingredients, old dance tights work wonderfully as bath bags, potpourri sachets, or air fresheners.

Dusting - Put the tights over your hand to swipe up dust from household surfaces or use a rubber band to attach balled-up nylon tights to a broom handle or yardstick to dust under your fridge.

Gardening - Old dance tights have tons of uses in the garden. Strips can be used to tie stakes. The feet portions can be placed around fruits or veggies to keep them off the ground or protect them from pests. You can also line the insides of pots to keep soil from leaking out with the water.

Wrapping Paper Storage - Unless you're using alternatives to wrapping paper, you probably know the struggle to keep open giftwrap rolls tidy. Slide the legs of old dance tights over the roll to prevent unravelling. You can also use this method to store posters, wallpaper, or magazines.

Shining Shoes - Buffing shoes with nylon tights gives them a mirror-like finish. Try it, you'll see.

Packing Light - Travelers know that you can fit way more in a suitcase when you roll clothing but sometimes keeping it rolled is quite the trick. Cut the legs of old tights into 5 to 10-inch, tube-like lengths and stuff your bulkier rolled garments inside to keep everything neatly packed.

Hair Styling - Use small cross-sections of old tights to create headbands or hair elastics for your favorite hairstyles. Use them just like this or braid, loop, or knot them together to create something prettier and longer-lasting.

Embellishing Clothes or Accessories - If you're crafty or like to sew, reuse your old dance tights to make cute rosettes, bows, or ruffles as embellishments or trim on clothing, purses, scarves, or other fashion accessories.

Getting Rid Of Deodorant Marks - Don't you hate it when you get deodorant on your costume or little black dress? Turns out your old tights work like a charm to brush these unsightly marks off your clothing. It'll work on powder-based makeup, too.

[*http://fashionista.com/2012/12/85-years-of-amazing-rockettes-costumes](http://fashionista.com/2012/12/85-years-of-amazing-rockettes-costumes)

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