Quilt Care

Treating your new quilt with a little tender loving care will keep it looking new for years to come.

1 Displaying Your Quilt

Avoid displaying the quilt in direct sunlight to keep colors from fading.

Cleaning Your Quilt

Treat any stains immediately with small, equal amounts of mild soap and water.

If washing is necessary, use the delicate/gentle cycle—preferably with a front-loading machine. Wash the quilt by itself using lots of cold water and a mild laundry detergent. Adding ½ cup of white vinegar to the wash water will help keep colors bright. Rinse in cold water. Use the spin cycle to remove excess water.

Spread out a clean sheet and lay the quilt flat on top of the sheet to dry. Never line dry and do not wring. If it can't lay flat, dry the quilt on low heat in a dryer for the first few minutes and finish by air drying.

7 Storing Your Quilt

To store, fold or roll the quilt loosely to prevent creases and wrap in a cotton sheet or pillowcase. Every few months, open up the quilt and let it air for 2–3 hours. Refold, changing the position of the creases.

It is best to store the quilt in dark, dry places. Do not store in plastic, cardboard boxes or trunks. ■

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