



Quilt care instructions

How often should I wash my quilt?

Washing a soiled quilt will extend its life, washing a clean quilt will shorten its life. Quilts that are used every day normally only need washing once a year. But if you have pets or children, more frequent washing may be desirable. Airing quilts (on a drying rack outside) between washings is a good practice.

Minor Repairs

Before washing your quilt it is wise to inspect your quilt for seams that have come loose and repair them prior to the washing.

Washing your quilt

Washing by hand is a good option if the quilt is small enough to handle easily. It is generally ok to wash your quilt in a home washing machine, though for a large quilt you may need a commercial size machine, a front loading washer will reduce strain on the seams of your quilt. To wash your quilt, use cold water and a specialty quilt wash like Q-wash, or pure soap dissolved in the tub before adding the quilt; the detergent needs to be free of perfumes, brighteners, and bleach. **DO NOT** use eucalyptus based washing products, they may cause natural fibre batting seeds to bleed colour into lighter coloured fabrics, or strip gold accents from the fabric. Run the machine on a short delicate cycle and a low speed spin. Rinse well without using any fabric softener or fragranced products in cold water. **Handy tip;** To keep the colours bright, add half a cup of white vinegar to the wash cycle.

Drying

Quilts are heavy when wet. Support its wet weight so that the threads don't pop. It is sometimes OK to partially dry a quilt in a dryer, but it is best to lay a quilt flat on a rack to dry out of the sun.

Storing

When not in use your quilt should be stored in a dry, dark location in a cotton or muslin bag, never store your quilt in a plastic bag or cardboard box. Be sure the quilt is clean before you store it away. Every other month or so it is a good idea to take the quilt out and refold it another way before putting it back in the bag, this will avoid heavy creasing. When you take your quilt out of storage, air it out before using.