

ROFFMAN HOUSE

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Care Instructions for Quilts

Most quilts can be washed at home in your washing machine, on the gentle cycle, with cold or lukewarm water. A front loading washing machine is recommended. Do not over-stuff a small washer with a quilt. Go to the laundromat instead.

Flannel quilts may be too heavy for a home washing machine. It might be best to either take it to the laundromat and use a front loader on gentle to wash it, or if your dry cleaner can wash it (not dry clean) take it there.

If you go to the laundromat, we recommend that you run through a load of light colored items prior to washing the quilt. DO NOT use bleach in this load. This will make sure the washer is clean, just in case the last person washed something unusually dirty. Do not wash anything that is exceptionally dirty or oily in this load.

Inspect the washer (and dryer) carefully for any nicks, burrs, protruding metal, or other items that can cause a snag or tear.

Use a mild detergent, such as Dreft or clear Woolite.

After the wash tub is full of water add about one cup of white vinegar.

The vinegar helps to preserve the colorfastness of fabric, and helps to remove all the detergent.

Tumble dry warm, or line dry it. Be very careful about the temperature of the dryer, especially commercial ones.

Do not dry clean the quilt, unless there is no other way to remove a stain. Spot treatment for stubborn stains is preferred.

If the quilt needs to be stored, always store it in a pillowcase or wrap it in a sheet.

Never store it in a trash bag or plastic container. Most plastics contain chemicals that can damage fabric. Do not store the quilt in an extreme environment – high heat and high humidity can damage it. Excessive dampness will cause mildew. This means no attic or basement storage !