

Care And Feeding of Your Memory Blanket

The following information relates to quilts made by **TE's CREATIONS** but applies to other quilts as well.

Washing

Generally, you can wash your quilt in a washing machine in cold or tepid water. If the quilt is large... queen size or larger... you might want to wash it in a front-loading machine or at a laundromat in a large front-loading machine.

Memory Blankets should be durable. We have one that has been our store sample for over 5 years and still looks like a new quilt. Those shirts have probably been washed a hundred times, so they are not going to shrink or fade further.

Color Fastness

If you are worried about the color fading. You can set the color of the backing material by soaking it in white vinegar for about 24 hours. Any time you start washing in a commercial detergent like TIDE or GAIN, you are going to start the fading process with your quilt. Once you start using a commercial detergent, the blanket will start to fade.

NOTE: This is another reason we ask that all shirts be laundered before putting them into your quilt.

Drying

Dry in a dryer on low heat or hang on a clothesline.

Holes

Really? We stabilize the shirts with a 100% cotton stabilizer. Depending on the condition of the shirt, the stabilizer should retard the degradation of the shirt. The companies that don't use a stabilizer and suggest you use a fray check product are cutting corners. We stabilize your shirt before quilting, and your quilt should last for a generation. Of course, if there was a hole there before we received it, it will still be there. Ask us about doing minor repairs.

Threads

Although we try very hard to make sure that we have removed all the loose threads from the quilt, you may notice when your quilt is new that we missed clipping a thread. Don't worry, just clip the thread close to the top and the problem is solved. No charge for extra threads! :)

Storing Your Blanket

Well, hopefully, you are using your quilt and not storing it. But, if you must store it, there are preferred ways to store your quilt. First of all, what NOT to do.

- Don't store folded quilt directly on wood shelving or cedar chest.
- Don't store in a plastic bag
- Don't display on a bed (*or on a wall*) in direct sunlight

If storing, use acid-free tissue and specific storage boxes for vintage use. The **BEST** storage bag is a cotton pillowcase that has been laundered a gazillion times. Those ugly brown spots occur from direct contact with the wood, hence the need for acid-free tissue, or the frequently laundered pillowcase.

I use old towels as a shelf liner to line storage areas. These towels have also been laundered (hundreds of times), and provide a nice layer against the wood or the cheap plastic shelf liner in your linen closet.

The jury is still out on whether using 'Space Bags' is OK. I have to confess that I have several freshly laundered (*and completely dry*) quilts stored in the space bags. I am waiting to see if there is any damage.

What I am actually finding is that the bags don't hold their 'vacuum' and the quilts are actually just stored in plastic bags. Probably not good. However, I am pretty sure that any rogue mice or moths are not getting into quilts stored in the space bags.