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### **Washing**

It is usually okay to wash me in the home washing machine, though If I am a very large quilt you may need a commercial size machine. I prefer cold water and a mild detergent (that is free of perfumes, brighteners, and bleach). Run the machine on a short gentle cycle. To keep my colors bright, you can add half a cup of vinegar to the wash cycle.

### **Drying**

Quilts are heavy when wet. Try to support my wet weight so that the threads don't pop (maybe drape me in half over the shower rod). It is also okay to partially dry me in the dryer on low heat tumble setting. My favorite is to lay flat on a rack or bed of towels and then air fluff in the dryer. In the Summer, you could lay me out on the grass to finish drying on a sunny day! I do love sun, but only in short doses. If I am on a bed in full sun please close the blinds so my fibers don't discolor. Please don't iron me! I don't handle that kind of heat well.

### **How Often?**

Washing me when I'm soiled will extend my life; washing me when I'm clean will shorten my life. Quilts that are used every day normally only need washing once a year. But if you have pets or children, I may need more frequent washing. Airing quilts (on a drying rack outside) between washings is a good idea. I will never turn down an opportunity to feel the breeze on my fibers!

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