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Care of Clothing and Textiles

1. GENTLY VACUUM BEFORE WASHING. DO NOT CATCH FABRIC IN THE VACUUM ATTACHMENT.
2. REMOVE ALL PINS AND RUSTY SNAPS.
3. BEFORE WASHING, TRY TO DETERMINE THE FIBER CONTENT. TEST A SMALL FOR STABILITY AND COLOR-FASTNESS.
4. IF POSSIBLE, WASH WITH SOAP AND WASHING SODA. USE DISTILLED WATER. RINSE UNTIL WATER IS CLEAR.
5. NEVER SOAK A WASHABLE GARMENT IN WATER LONGER THAN 48 HOURS TO REMOVE A STAIN.
6. WASH GENTLY-USE A PLASTIC PAN.
7. IF BLEACHING IS NEEDED, USE AN ALL FABRIC BLEACH SPARINGLY. NEVER USE CHLORINE BLEACH!
8. HYDROGEN PEROXIDE CAN BE USED ON SOME STAINS. DAB ON WITH A Q-TIP.
9. SUPPORT WHILE DRYING.
10. WHITES CAN BE DRIED ON SHEETS ON THE LAWN IN THE SUN WITH A SHEET OVER THE ARTICLE.
11. IF REPAIRS ARE NEEDED, USE THE SAME TYPE OF FABRIC THAT IS IN THE GARMENT. USE THE PROPER THREAD. DO NOT USE POLYESTER THREAD OR BALL POINT NEEDLES ON OLD FABRIC.

12. STORE FLAT IF POSSIBLE, ROLL RATHER THAN FOLD. DO NOT STARCH OR IRON ARTICLES THAT WILL BE STORED. STARCH ATTRACTS INSECTS.
13. FOR STORAGE, WRAP IN WELL WASHED AND RINSED COTTON SHEETS, PILLOW CASES OR UNBLEACHED MUSLIN. DO NOT USE REGULAR TISSUE PAPER. AVOID CARDBOARD OR WOOD BOXES. IF THEY MUST BE USED, LINE THEM WITH COTTON SHEETING OR MUSLIN.
14. IF A GARMENT MUST BE HUNG, USE SMOOTH PLASTIC HANGERS (PREFERABLY PADDED). IF GARMENT IS LONG, SUPPORT WITH ANOTHER HANGER SUPPORTING THE REST OF THE GARMENT. NEVER USE WOOD HANGERS.
15. **DON'T STORE GARMENTS IN PLASTIC BAGS-THEY GIVE OFF FUMES THAT ARE ABSORBED BY THE FABRIC AND GARMENTS CAN'T BREATHE. NYLON OR COTTON GARMENT BAGS CAN BE USED.**
16. **LABEL GARMENTS AND TEXTILES WITH A LENGTH OF COTTON TWILL TAPE.**
17. **FRAMED TEXTILES SHOULD BE BACKED WITH ACID FREE MATERIALS AND MATTED OR PADDED SO THAT THE GLASS DOES NOT TOUCH THEM.**
18. **CHECK STORAGE AREA PERIODICALLY FOR INSECTS, DUST AND MOISTURE. IF ARTICLES ARE FOLDED, THEY SHOULD BE REFOLDED.**
19. **TEXTILES SHOULD NEVER BE DISPLAYED WHERE SUNLIGHT WILL HIT THEM. QUILTS SHOULD BE HUNG FROM SLEEVES SEWN ON THE BACK. NEVER TACK THEM TO THE WALL.**