

Patchwork Memories, Inc. Quilt Care Guidelines

Thanks for your Patchwork Memories order.
Here are some guidelines for caring for your quilt:

For all quilts:

Wash as infrequently as possible to prolong quilt life. I recommend QuiltCare Liquid Wash. When drying, I recommend air drying your quilts flat. Avoid hanging wet quilts on a clothesline, as that puts unnecessary stress on the quilt and can tear the stitches. Try to keep quilts in areas of your home where they will not be exposed to direct sunlight, as this shortens the life of all fabrics. If you are storing the quilt, fold it in a different way each time (in thirds, in quarters, rolled up, etc.) to prevent permanent creases in the quilt. Wrapping acid free paper around the folded quilt is a good idea. Storing the quilt in an acid-free quilt storage box is a good way to protect your quilt when it is not being used or displayed.

An important note about color:

Your quilt has been treated with *Retayne*, a product that keeps fabric dyes from fading or bleeding. As an extra precaution, if your quilt contains dark or red colored fabrics, wash it alone, and add a few *Shout Brand Color Catchers* or other dye catching cloths to the wash, so that any excess dyes won't fade onto other fabrics in your quilt.

T-shirt Quilts:

Hand wash or machine-wash on a delicate cycle with cold water and a mild soap like QuiltCare Liquid Wash. If possible, use a front-loading or high-capacity machine. Tumble dry at a very low setting or air-dry flat.

Memory Quilts:

You should wash only when necessary, as appropriate for the most delicate fabric included in the quilt, like silk or wool. I **do not** recommend dry cleaning, as harsh chemicals are used. You should hand-wash with a mild soap and air dry flat. If your fabrics are very old, only vacuum cleaning (by hand, with the hand-held attachment) or spot cleaning with a wet cloth is recommended. **If pictures or fabric transfers are included, be aware that repeated washing *will* fade the transfers. Use detergent only when necessary with photo quilts.**

Memory Animals:

Spot clean with a wet cloth. Do not wash.

If you ever have questions about the care of your quilts, please feel free to contact me:
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