



# Kim Caskey Custom Quilting

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To properly wash a quilt, follow these careful steps to ensure its preservation:

- **Preparation:** Before washing, inspect the quilt for any loose seams, stains, or areas that need repair. If you find any, consider mending them before washing.
- **Test for Colorfastness:** Dampen a small, inconspicuous area of the quilt with water and blot it with a white cloth. If the color bleeds, it's best to avoid washing the quilt and consider professional cleaning.
- **Choose the Right Method:** For most vintage quilts, hand washing is the safest option. However, if the quilt is particularly sturdy, you can use a gentle cycle in the washing machine.
- **Hand Washing:** Fill a bathtub or large sink with lukewarm water and add a mild detergent designed for delicate fabrics. Submerge the quilt gently, avoiding agitation. Let it soak for about 10-15 minutes.
- **Rinsing:** Drain the soapy water and refill the tub with clean, lukewarm water. Rinse the quilt thoroughly to remove all soap, repeating until the water runs clear.
- **Machine Washing (if applicable):** If using a machine, place the quilt in a large mesh laundry bag to protect it. Use a gentle cycle with cold water and a mild detergent.
- **Drying:** Avoid wringing or twisting the quilt to remove excess water. Instead, lay it flat on a clean, dry surface, or hang it over a sturdy clothesline. Ensure it is away from direct sunlight to prevent fading.
- **Storage:** Once the quilt is completely dry, fold it gently and store it in a cool, dry place. Avoid plastic bags, as they can trap moisture; instead, use cotton sheets or acid-free tissue paper for wrapping.

By following these steps, you can safely wash and care for your quilt, helping to preserve its beauty and integrity for years to come.