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Cleaning an Heirloom Quilt: How to Keep Great-Grandma's Masterpiece from Becoming a Washed-Up Disaster

So, you've got yourself an heirloom quilt that needs a good ol' cleaning, huh? Well, fear not! I'll guide you through the process. You can use these same guidelines for store-bought pieces that are not as delicate as Granny's quilt, just with less risk.

Time for a critical analysis: Take a good, hard look at that quilt of yours. Are there any weak spots, loose threads, or signs of damage? Restitch any weak areas. You don't want to accidentally destroy Granny's handiwork, do you? Pay attention to those fragile areas throughout the cleaning process.

Color test, 'cause you're not playing games: You wouldn't want the colors on your precious quilt to turn into a beautiful, tie-dye disaster, would you? So, grab a damp, white cotton cloth, and dab a hidden spot on the quilt. If the colors stay put, congratulations! If they start running like a marathon, seek professional help. Trust me, you'll need it.

Time to shake things up: Shake off that pesky dirt and dust! Take your quilt outside and give it a good shake. Pretend you're in a Western movie, ready to duel with those dirt particles. Alternatively, use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush attachment. Just remember, don't suck the life out of your quilt. Easy does it.

Treat the stains like an enemy: If stains have invaded your quilt, it's time to show

them who's boss. Mix a mild detergent with lukewarm water and gently dab those little devils. No vigorous scrubbing, please! We don't want your quilt to turn into a modern art piece, featuring a ripped-off patch.

Bathe the quilt, but gently: Welcome to the quilt's spa day! Fill up your tub or a basin with lukewarm water and a gentle detergent. Caress that quilt in the water, making it feel like royalty. No wringing or twisting, though. Save the drama for reality TV, not your quilt.

Rinse the quilt away: Drain the soapy water and give your quilt a refreshing rinse. Swish it around like a boss, making sure no detergent remains. Keep rinsing until the water runs clear. We don't want your quilt to smell like a soap factory.

Dry that bad boy in style: Lift your quilt gently, cradling it like a newborn baby. Lay down some clean towels on a flat surface and let your quilt rest like a diva on them. Don't expose it to direct sunlight or heat sources, unless you want your quilt to go all Hollywood and fade away. Rotate it occasionally, just to make sure it dries evenly. Remember, patience is a virtue here. It might take a while for your quilt to feel dry and fabulous.

Give your heirloom quilt a proper resting place: Once your quilt is dry, it's time to find it a cozy spot. Store it away from sunlight,

humidity, and temperature fluctuations. Oh, and don't fold it in the same places repeatedly. We wouldn't want your quilt to have permanent creases. If you can, roll it loosely and tuck it into a cotton or muslin bag. Let's keep the dust bunnies away from this masterpiece. If it's a quilt you want to save for future generations, get a 100% acid-free heirloom preservation box and store it high in a closet without items stuffed around or on top of it which cuts off the air penetrating the box that helps ensure a long life for your heirloom quilt.

Just a little reminder - and a Shameless Plug: If your quilt is super valuable or maybe you're feeling unsure about this whole cleaning adventure, take it to a qualified preservation specialist. They'll handle your quilt with the care it deserves, without any snarky commentary.

And by the way, we are preservation specialists and can handle this for you.

David

Any comments? Email me at David@ChampionCleaners.com



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED



Meaning: A friend (who helps when you're) in need is a (true) friend indeed. Basically, the idea here is that when someone is going through a tough time, a true friend will be there to support them. Because they provide help in a time of need, they show themselves to be a real friend.

Origin: So, how old is this phrase? Well, the idea for it has been around for thousands of years. For example, a Roman poet named Quintus Ennius lived

in the 2nd century B.C.E., and he wrote (when translated from Latin): “A sure friend is known in unsure times.” The phrase also makes an appearance in a book by William Caxton called *The Right Pleasant and Goodly Historie of the Four Sons of Aymon*, printed around 1489: “It is sayd, that at the nede the frende is knowne.” [It is said, that at the need the friend is known.] Finally, it's worth noting that the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations says the phrase has existed since the 11th century.

CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER

Meaning: A ‘chip on your shoulder’ is a perceived grievance or sense of inferiority.

Origin: This phrase is reported as originating with the nineteenth century U.S. practice of spoiling for a fight by carrying a chip of wood on one's shoulder, daring others to knock it off. The first such record by an English author doesn't seem to be until the 1930s in fact, in Somerset Maugham's *Gentleman in the Parlour*: “He was a man with a chip on his shoulder. Everyone seemed in a conspiracy to slight or injure him.”



BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER



Meaning: If someone says “beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” it means that people may have differing opinions on what is beautiful. Indeed, what is pleasing to the eyes of one person might be ordinary or ugly to another; it's subjective.

Origin: According to Wikipedia, it originated in a novel by Margaret Wolfe Hamilton called *Molly Bawn*, 1878. However, this is definitely not the case, as we were able to find older citations of it. For instance, it makes an appearance in *The Gardners' Monthly and Horticulturist*, Volume 16, 1874: “It is an old axiom, and well said, that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” The earliest citation we could find of this phrase (in its current form) is in a book called *The Christian Miscellany, And Family Visiter*, published by John Mason in 1863: “If there be any truth in the old saying, which, however, is generally quoted in a sense very wide of this mark, that ‘beauty is in the eye of the beholder.’” So this saying is at least 150 years old and considering it's called an “old saying” in the quote, it's obviously even older than that.

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National Aviation Day ~ August 19th



It seems hard to believe that we have been flying for just over 100 years. Orville Wright flew a self-invented aircraft named Flyer for 12 seconds on December 17, 1903. Then on November 9, 1904 Wilbur flew Flyer II for 5 minutes. The aviation age had begun. In 1909 the U.S. Government bought their first airplane, a Wright Brothers biplane for the princely sum of \$25,000. In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that August 19 would be considered National

Aviation Day because it coincides with the birth date of Orville Wright, the first man to pilot a manned aircraft. Since that time, August 19 has been set aside as the day we celebrate the history and development of aviation.

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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

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- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

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3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
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Corny Silly Jokes!

- **What do prisoners use to talk to one another?** Cell phones.
- **A cheese factory exploded in France.** All that was left was de Brie.
- **Did you know about the kidnapping at kindergarten?** She woke up.
- **When is the best time to see your dentist?** Tooth hurt-y.
- **Where did you learn how to make ice cream?** At sundae school.
- **Have you heard that there's a new restaurant on the moon?** It has great food, but zero atmosphere.
- **What do you call a horse that likes to moves around all the time?** Unstable.
- **What do you call a husk of rabbits that are walking backwards?** A receding hare line.
- **Why do ghosts like taking the elevator?** Because it lifts their spirit.

Time To Do This...

- ☒ Organize three small areas in your home
- ☒ Plan your fall calendar
- ☒ Run dehumidifier in basement
- ☒ Hire someone to reseed your lawn in September
- ☒ Backwash pool filter
- ☒ Trim shrubs, bushes and hedges
- ☒ Back to school shopping
- ☒ Budget
- ☒ Plan Birthdays
- ☒ Plan Labor Day Weekend
- ☒ Plan final summer vacation