

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS: Cotton Rich Bed Linen

MACHINE WASH



Wash at 40°C (100F) for colors, 60°C (140F) for whites

BLEACH



Do not use chlorine bleach

IRON



Iron at medium heat

DRY



Tumble dry at medium heat (not exceeding 65°C / 150F)

GENERAL TIPS

Always shake out linens before laundering

Don't mix cotton rich and cotton linens - it will cause fabric damage

Keep linens clear of the floor - floor stains are difficult to remove

One of the most common laundering problems is machine overloading. It should be 70-75% filled

WASHING

Wash intense/dark colors (like red or black) separately in the first few times

Use high-quality detergent (without brighteners on colors) to swell cotton fibers, releasing the dirt

High-quality detergent should contain sodium percarbonate (an oxygen bleach product)

Hot water is essential to removing oil and grease stains

Do not use chlorine bleach

DRYING & IRONING

Always check to see if a treated stain was removed after laundering and before ironing. The heat will set the stain

Iron while damp

It is recommended that all sheeting be hand fed into the ironer

Press up to 40 bars (around 25-27 bars for percale linen)

If no picker or "cheese breaker", condition in tumble dryer for no more than 30 minutes.

Avoid thermal shock

Steam ironer: around 185°C (365F) and between 20-40 meters per min (65-130 feet/min) based on ironer set up (multi-rolls & efficiency)

Gas ironer: around 200°C (380-392F) and between 20-40 meters per min (65-130 feet/min) based on ironer set up (multi-rolls & efficiency)

Paraffin wax must be often applied to the ironer's roll

LAUNDERING STEPS

	Water level	Temperature	Time/Duration	Instructions
Wash	<i>Medium</i>	40°C (100F) for colors 60° (140F) for white	8 min	<i>Drain, use optical brighteners (OBA) for whites, without OBA on colors, non-chlorine bleach both</i>
Increase Temperature	<i>High</i>	<i>Cold</i>	3 min	<i>Drain</i>
Cool down	<i>High</i>	<i>Cold</i>	3 min	<i>Drain</i>
Cold rinse	<i>High</i>	<i>Cold</i>	3 min	<i>Drain</i>
Spin/extract water	<i>Spin</i>		3 min	<i>Continuous high pressure at 27bars</i>

TIPS FOR DUVER COVERS

- *Ensure bag is empty*
- *Push out all corners*
- *Present into machine as square and flat as possible*
- *Test your ironer for the best way to feed your duvet covers to maximize space and minimize wrinkles and creases.*
- *Iron while damp; too much moisture will cause a rippling effect, and too little the fabric can be scorched and inflexible to be fully ironed*

Envelope Duvet overs

- *May require extra drying*
- *Feed into ironer open end first, or guide flap into ironer by hand, feeding sideways*

Bag Duvet Covers

- *Feed closed end first or sideways depending on size*

TIPS FOR COTTON RICH

- *Do not mix polyester, cotton rich, and 100% cotton when washing. This may lead to loss of brightness and cross fiber contamination.*
- *Soft water will help maintain colors and keep the hand feel soft*
- *Wash at around 50°C (122F), using higher temperatures up to 80°C (175F) for heavy soil only*
- *Use hydrogen peroxide bleach above 60°C (140F) for staining*
- *Use a gradual cooling of the fabric via rinsing to avoid creasing if washed above 50°C (122F)*
- *Do not use cationic fabric softeners on the final rinse: it over lubricates the fibers, causing them to fall away and create pilling*
- *Use the minimum spin time necessary and remove items from the washing machine as soon as possible*
- *Tumble dry (including a cool down phase) or iron immediately to prevent creasing*