



*Luxus für Bett und Bad*

## ***Helpful tips on how to care for your bed linen So your fine textiles stay beautiful longer***

Taking care of household linens isn't an art form. But experience helps avoid mistakes and preserve the pleasure of soft, beautiful linens for as long as possible. That's why we've compiled and summarised our decades of experience for you.

In principle, it's safe to assume that what the washing and care instructions say is right. Even so, there are a few little things that make all the difference when it comes to cleaning and looking after your bed linen.

### ***Start with a warm-up***

The first time you wash your linens after purchase, do not choose a cold or lukewarm delicate cycle: bright and brilliant colours can "bleed" at low temperatures. Washing your linens at the recommended temperature will keep the colours from fading.

### ***How much detergent? The manufacturer knows best!***

Always use the amount of detergent recommended by the manufacturer. Using too much can lead to detergent residue being deposited on the fibres, with the result that the cotton fibres harden and the colours fade. And if you don't use enough detergent, the water is not softened sufficiently; this can also cause the fibres to stiffen.

### ***Some more enlightening facts about detergents***

Regular detergents contain bleaching agents and optical brighteners and should only ever be used for white bed linen. For coloured laundry, we recommend a mild detergent without any optical brighteners (colour detergents). They prevent colour changes and fading, ensuring that coloured bed linens stay bright and vibrant for years to come.

### ***Spinning: turn it to your advantage***

Modern washing machines have lots of different programmes. A very high-speed spin cycle is often pre-programmed. These high spin speeds cause mechanical abrasion, which wears the fibres out and soon makes the fabric brittle. The laundry becomes too dry and wrinkled. That makes it more difficult to iron. In our experience, 900 revolutions are quite enough. That's not just good for the linens, it saves energy too.

### ***Drying can be trying***

Knit fabrics made of natural fibres (jersey) can shrink quite a lot in a tumble dryer and become slightly distorted. However, gentle pulling when slightly damp is all that's needed to return knit fabrics to their original shape.

The linens should never be over-dried. Satin is easier to iron when slightly damp; this also helps develop an optimal sheen. Many grades of jersey fabric don't need ironing at all. It is essential not to select too high a temperature for the tumble dryer. Please be sure to follow the instructions on the sewn-in care labels.

### ***Stains need softening up***

Soiled laundry should be soaked immediately rather than be left hanging around, because old, dried stains and those caused by incorrect washing are much more difficult to remove than fresh ones. Dried-on stains with a high tannin content (e.g. wine or fruit) can even get darker and leave unattractive marks.

### ***Don't lose the thread!***

If the linen is turned inside out, it is essential not to cut the ends of the four threads that make up the overlocked side seam. An end of at least 1 cm must extend beyond the corners to ensure the seam does not open.

### ***Time to zip things up***

Closing the zips not only protects the fastener, it also prevents other items getting wrapped up in the bed linen and causing it to lose its shape. This also prevents snagged threads on the bed linen.