

How do you launder quilts? Very carefully

When you lecture about quilts, you get asked questions. And the question I'm asked most often is, "How do I have them, how do I take care of them?" Here's the laundry part of that answer.

If your quilt has any silk or woolen patches in it, they'll throw on gentle home care.

Only sometimes old dyes aren't color fast. You can protect yourself from dye-bleeding by looking for pencil marks under the quilting threads. These lines originally marked the quilting pattern, and are washed out after several launderings. If the pencil marks are gone and your quilt shows no signs of dye-bleeding, it has survived previous washings and you're safe. Otherwise, wait to wash until we cover color fastness.

BEFORE YOU DO any washing, make yourself a "handwash bag" from four yards of 72 inch wide nylon net. Fold the net in half and machine stitch it up two sides, leaving the top open. Your bag will measure 72 inches square. Save it and use it every time you wash a quilt.

Spread the quilt flat in your bag. Using thread and big stitches, baste the top closed. Next, baste a large "X" from corner to corner, stitching through both

bag and quilt. This will keep the coverlet flat and prevent damage when it is heavy with water.

Now, how to wash it? If your quilt is valuable, fragile, or old, don't wash it in a machine. You want the safest of cleanings, so wash it by hand. Choose a good drying day—one that's warm, with a slight breeze and low humidity. In other words, don't plan to wash your quilt tomorrow. We won't see such a day for six months, alas, so clip this column for future use.

WASH IN A CLEAN bathtub, free of all traces of scouring powder. Fill with three to four inches of cool, softened water. (If tapwater of Calcium softens one gallon of water.) Soak the nylon-bagged quilt for one hour.

Drain and repeat soaks until the water is no longer yellow. You are removing old soap scum which has dulled your colors.

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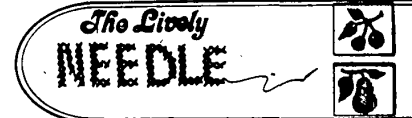
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and drain. Repeat until no soap bubbles appear after agitation. This will probably take from five to seven rinses. Omit Calgon from the final rinse.

Gently press the water from the quilt with your hands. Don't wring. Remove more water by blotting with towels until it is as dry as you can get it. The drier the quilt, the less its wet weight can damage it.

WASHING MACHINES and dryers are much harder on quilts than hand laundering. If you must machine wash, put your quilt in its nylon bag and use warm, soft water with a gentle cycle. Agitate



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Polish festival founder to receive K of D tribute

A popular Detroit-area priest will be honored Saturday, Nov. 20, by the same group of individuals whom he helped greet to America 31 years ago.

Fr. Joseph Kubik, pastor of St. Florian parish, Hamtramck, and general coordinator of the Polish Festival

in Detroit's riverfront, will receive the USA Founder's Award from the Knights of Dabrowski organization at a testimonial banquet.

The dinner-dance will begin at 7 p.m. at the Imperial House, 3001 Greenbelt High way near 13 Mile. Mr. Clemens for ticket information, call 681-5000 or 625-4248 or 731-1214.

The Knights of Dabrowski is a national non-profit organization with chapters in Chicago and Detroit dedicated to the preservation of Polish heritage and culture through the encouragement of higher education for the young.

The members came to the United States from Poland via the port of New York in November 1945. Fr. Kubik, at that time a faculty member at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, greeted the refugee immigrants and brought them to the Orchard Lake School where they studied in the preparatory, college and secondary schools which comprise the Polish American academic complex.

Fr. Kubik has been pastor of St. Florian since 1966. Before that he was on the Orchard Lake School faculty for 23 years. He is a 1934 graduate from the Orchard Lake College.

Fr. Kubik belongs to numerous fraternal, religious and civic organizations. Previous recipients of the Founder's Award include Msgr. Vincent Borkowicz, pastor emeritus of St. Stanislaus parish, Detroit; Fr. Walter Ziemba, president emeritus at Orchard Lake; Fr. Stanley Mikowski, the vice rector and treasurer at Orchard Lake; and Fr. Stanley Borkowicz, former Orchard Lake prep principal and a pastor of a parish in Pennsylvania.

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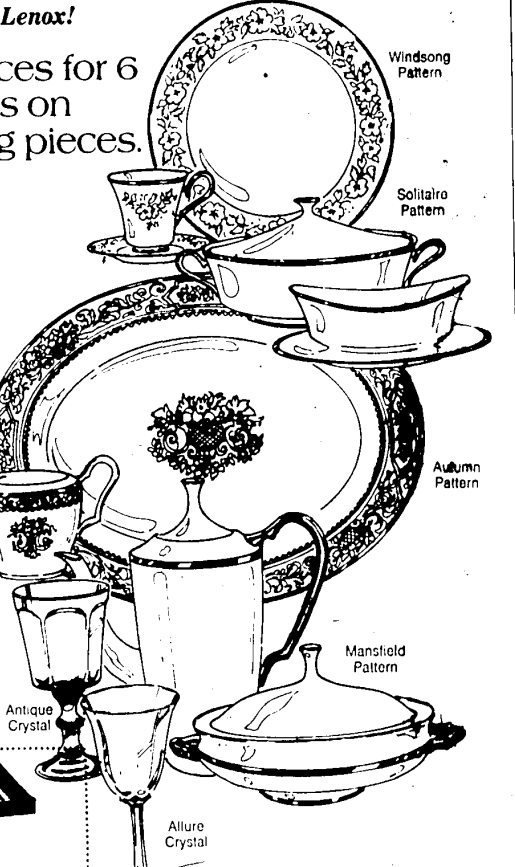
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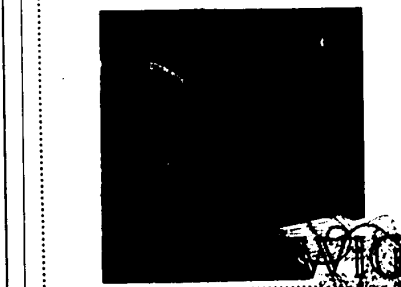
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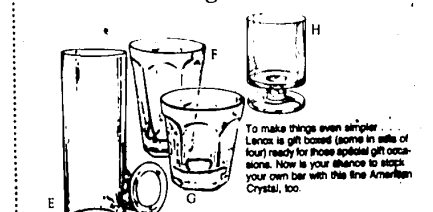
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