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## How to Prevent Damage to Folded Quilts

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If you've been quilting for a while, you probably started to get a large enough collection that all of your quilts can not be displayed at the same time. To learn how to best fold and store your quilts to prevent damage, watch this quilting tip by Kelly Hanson: <https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/video/how-to-fold-a-quilt-to-prevent-damage-011719>

### Bias

The bias is the cross grain of fabric and is where it has the most stretch. Typically, quilt blocks are not cut or constructed on the bias. Because of this, when looking at a completed quilt, the cross grain of the majority of the fabrics should run from corner to corner across the quilt.

### Folding

Make all of the folds along the bias of the quilt, bringing in each corner to the center, Figure 1 & 2. It doesn't matter if the quilt is a perfect square or not, the same technique can still be used.



**Figure 1. Fold first sides corners toward center**



**Figure 2. Fold other corners toward center**

From there you can fold the quilt in half to make it a little smaller and easier to store, Figure 3. Don't fold the quilt too many times, as the more folds you add the more chance there is for damage or creasing.



**Figure 3. Fold in Half**

### Storing

Once it is folded, it is recommended to store quilt in a pillowcase or fabric envelope. This will help protect it from exposure to dust, light and anything else that could harm it.