

Preserving Textiles and Clothing



Caring for Textiles and Clothing

- Store folded textiles with as few folds and creases as possible
- Use acid-free boxes with acid-free tissue or white bed sheets tucked in the folds to prevent sharp creases
- Large flat textiles like flags and shawls can be rolled onto tubes. A large-diameter tube is best.

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- Do not use mothballs - not effective as a repellent and are a suspected carcinogen
- Textiles and clothing benefit from being vacuumed periodically to remove dust. Use the bristled, round brush on low suction
- Dry cleaning antique clothing and other textiles is usually not recommended

Displaying Textiles and Clothing



- Display textiles in low light
- Framed textiles, such as samplers, may benefit from having ultraviolet light-filtering glass installed
- Do not allow the textile to touch the glass