

PRESERVING YOUR QUILT

The following is an excerpt from an article by Ann Fahl from the December 2006 issue of *Quilters Newsletter* magazine.

To avoid the inevitable (and ultimately permanent) large folds and creases which break down the fibers of our precious quilts when we store them away, Ann Fahl offers us a technique for folding them on the bias! This “preserves the integrity of both the batting fibers and the yarns in the fabric.” The folds are more pliable and less stressed. Of course, it’s still a good idea to refold quilts every six months or so.

Using the simple steps diagrammed here, you will insure a longer shelf life for your future heirlooms.

Bias Folding Technique

1. Unfold your quilt on a flat surface.
2. Fold corners one at a time into the center of the quilt (Figs. 1-3).
3. Continue to fold in the corners until the quilt will fit into its shipping or storage container (Fig. 4).

That's all there is to it! Your quilt is now folded on the bias to avoid permanent creases and is ready for storage.

