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Textile care guide

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Cotton towels, bathrobes and bathroom rugs.

Proper care keeps the pile, the absorbency and the colour for years.

Washing

- **Towels and bathrobes: 60 °C. Bathroom rugs: 40 °C.** The product label always prevails.
- Wash towels, robes and rugs **separately** from other textiles and from each other. Zips, buttons, hooks and Velcro pull the terry loops out.
- Lights and darks separately.
- Do not overload the machine: cotton needs plenty of water.
- Use liquid detergent, and half the amount the packet recommends.
- **No bleach or whitener**, not on white items either. No detergents with a "whitening" or "brightening" action: they strip colour.
- **No fabric softener.** It coats the cotton fibre, the towel stops absorbing and the colour can dull.

Drying

- A tumble dryer **on low** restores the pile. Do not over-dry, and do not dry hot.
- Towels may be ironed at medium heat. Rugs are not ironed.
- No dry cleaning.
- Do not vacuum a rug: the rotating brush pulls the loops out. Shake it or wash it.

Worth knowing

- A **pulled loop** is not a defect. Trim the pulled thread with scissors level with the other loops; terry does not hole.
- **Cosmetics and hygiene products bleach cotton:** acne creams, products with alpha-hydroxy acids, hair dye, teeth whiteners and some bathroom cleaners leave pale patches. Such a patch is a colour change, not a defect of the product.

Source: manufacturers' care instructions and the product label.

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