

## **Storing Precious Fabrics**

Sister #1 is a collector/purveyor of fine antique fabrics. She shared with me the following information about storage.

Precious fabrics should not be stored in plastic. Old cotton pillowcases or bags made from old sheets are best. Old linens should be washed ironed and starched before storing.

Any storage stains will usually accumulate in the starch and can be soaked out. This is for long term storage.

Linens should never be stored in direct contact with wood, such as in a linen drawer, closet or chest.

Cotton fabric or acid free paper should be placed between them and the wood.

Christening gowns and things wishing to remain the original color, especially white should be wrapped in Navy or Royal blue tissue paper.

These hints are from old European women and they have worked for me. I pass these tips and others on to my antique linen customers.