

# Care tips

## Important information on adequate washing and drying



### Washing temperature – follow label instructions

Use exactly the washing temperature which you will find on your product label. Do not wash with lower temperature as then colors may faint. Sufficient temperature enhances color fastness. Regarding first washing, also colored qualities should be washed with 95 °C ( 203 °F), in order to stabilize color in the cotton yarn.



### Colored terry cloth – wash 3 x separately, without optical brightener

Please wash dark and intense colors three times separately. Colored qualities should be washed with detergents which contain no optical brighteners. Optical brighteners may cause stained colors. For dosage please follow the instructions of your washing detergent producer.



### White terry linen – use laundry detergent (with optical brightener)

White linen should be washed with laundry detergents. They contain optical brighteners which create a shiny white color. For proper dosage please follow instructions of producers.



### Twin Star – single-origin in laundry

Please do not mix Twin-Star quality with other cotton terry qualities. Otherwise you will not profit from its energy saving effect in drying.



### Avoid fabric softeners – and keep towels absorbent

Fabric softeners lay themselves onto the texture and have a repellent impact on water absorbency of terry linen. They may also enhance fluffs.



### Fill washing drum with at least 50% – dose detergent properly

Sufficient loading is important. With too little filling terry cloth beats against the drum, which increases the development of fluffs. Exact dosage of detergent is also important. Too little as well as too much detergent reduce brightness of colors and stiffen your terry linen.



### Dry at best with tumbler – and keep towels fluffy

With tumblers, terry cloth becomes pleasantly soft and will be freed from fluffs. Please check that temperature of tumbler is not excessive. Over-dried cotton yarn becomes stiff and deform. Drying terry linen outside or over radiators is not advisable. It makes terry cloth also stiff.



### Additional info for polyester and Twin-Star

Qualities from and with polyester start to smelt at a temperature of 230 °C (446 °F). Yarns shrink to knots and surface becomes rough. Please take care that you keep the tumbler heat in respective limits. Do not wash mixed polyester fabrics together with heavy cotton qualities as this may also result in overheating the polyester yarn.

## Be aware of typical characteristics and avoid damages



### Fluffs – only in first washings

Cotton towels with fluffy pile excel in water absorbency, but have a natural disposition for fluffs. Do not worry because of fluffs as they will be washed out after the first washings. They will be low when you wash your cotton towel adequately.



### Shrinkage – a natural habit of terry linen

Every terry linen shrinks after the first washings. Due to high quality yarn and professional textures our terry linen does not shrink more than 7–10 % and holds proper form for a long time.



### Loose threads – just cut them off

Terry linen has a texture with strong ground and soft loops on the surface. During production it can happen that towels are left with a loose loop or thread. Please do not pull them, just cut them off. Neither texture nor seam will be damaged.



### Lay Velcro® fasteners properly – wash zippers and hooks separately

Hooks, zippers and loop fasteners can cause grave damages on your terry article. Therefore, do not wash terry linen together with zippers and hooks. Please, position sides of Velcro® fasteners on top of each other.



### Unload drummer with care – do not pull with force

Wet terry linen is heavy, wet terry texture is less stable than in dry condition. Do not forcibly pull bath robe at sleeves and belts as this may cause damages at seam and texture.



### Attention with chlorine – use only resistant dyestuff

Chlorine can change color of dyestuff and may even destroy texture of terry linen. Impact of chlorine is very strong in combination with heat, and consequently during washing and drying. Follow instructions of producers for the adequate dosage of chlorine.



### Avoid chlorine with reactive colours

Terry linen as home textile is often dyed with reactive colors. They have very good washing characteristics but react badly when they get in contact with chlorine. Please take into account that chlorine may also be found in bleaching and disinfecting agents as well as in bathroom cleaners.



### Use vat dyed colors with chlorine – follow instructions for temperature and dosage

For institutional terry linen we recommend vat dyed colors, known as Indanthrene dyestuff. They are resistant against chlorine within the limits of recommended dosage and temperature. Please follow respective instructions of producer carefully.



### Impurification with oil

We recommend to wash the article first with cold water and use an adequate detergent for purification afterwards. Water temperatures over 30 °C (86 °F) would fix the oil, e.g. massage oil, even more and will damage the quality for the time ahead.