

 **Hills.** *Handy Hints Guide*

**The original on-line experience**

This handy hints guide will give you all sorts of useful tips about the very best way to hang out your washing to dry. By following the methods described you will be sure to be using the most efficient and effective ways to care for your clothes, and in this way create your very own on-line experience.

# Hills Handy Hints Guide

## Caring for your Clothesline

It is a good idea to occasionally inspect your Clothesline and check for wear and tear or damage. If there is any damage, parts should be replaced with original Hills spares or the Clothesline repaired before using again.

The Clothesline should be periodically wiped clean with a soft damp cloth and mild detergent.

Take care when mowing the lawn or using other machinery in the garden to avoid accidentally damaging your ground post.

## Benefits of outdoor drying

Natural, fresh-air drying is the wholesome and ecologically-friendly way to dry your clothes. Line drying outdoors produces appealingly clean smelling clothes and liners. What's more, if you hang your items of washing carefully, they will often look smooth when they are dry, and you can minimise or even avoid ironing altogether.

## Using a hanger

Dresses, blouses, shirts, jackets and permanent-press clothes are best dried on hangers, for this preserves the shape of the garments and reduces wrinkles. Make sure they do not blow off the hangers by pegging them at the shoulder onto the hanger and then hooking the hanger securely onto the Clothesline.



## Sheets

Fold the sheet hem to hem, then fold three to four inches of one hem over the line and pin at both ends. Pin the corners of the other hem a few inches inside the first two. The sheet should open toward the wind so it blows out like a sail. Run your hands down the selvage edges to smooth them and make sure that the sheet is hanging square and even. Sheets can be hung over two lines for faster drying.

## Pillowcases

Fold one side of the opening over the line, pinning at both corners, allowing one side to sag open. You want the pillowcase to fill up like a sail in the wind.

## Towels

Fold three to four inches of one end over the line and pin at both corners. Towels will line dry to be much softer and fluffier if you shake them energetically before you hang them on the line. Make them snap. This loosens up the pile very effectively. Shake and snap them when you take them off, too, to soften them.

**Handkerchiefs**

Fold in half over the line and pin at both ends.

**T-shirts and undershirts**

Fold the hem a few inches over the line and pin at both ends.

**Shirts**

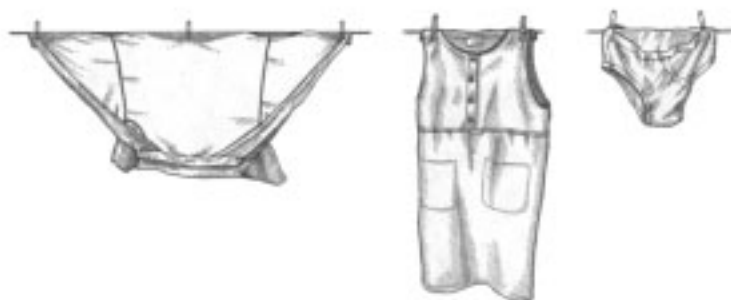
Method 1 - hang by the tail, turning under three to four inches over the line, fronts opened out to the sides. Pin at placket ends and side seams, if necessary. Method 2 - hang by the tail, turning under three to four inches, but fold the fronts in.

**Pants and shorts**

Turn the waist over and pin at both ends.

**Underwear and socks**

Fold the waist over the line and pin at both sides and socks pin by the toes. Smalls are often hung on the inside of the clothesline as they are intimate clothes that neighbours don't need to see!

**Dresses**

If the dress is straight, pin it by the shoulders. If the dress has a full or gathered skirt, pin it by the hem, shoulders hanging down. Straight dresses, and the tops of many full dresses dry with fewer wrinkles and a better shape if you hang them on hangers.

**Blouses**

Method 1 - hang by the tail, turning under three to four inches over the line, fronts opened out to the sides. Pin at placket ends and side seams, if necessary. Method 2 - hang by the tail, turning under three to four inches, but fold the fronts in.

**Skirts**

Turn over the waistband of straight skirts and pin at both ends. Hang gathered or full skirts by the hem.

**Underwear, bras and socks**

Fold the waist over the line and pin at both sides. Bras, pin by the hook end and socks pin by the toes.



### **A good drying breeze**

The best weather for line drying, if you have a choice, is warm, dry and sunny with a moderate breeze. It's best to have some wind to blow wrinkles out of the fabric and hasten drying time, but avoid extremely windy days as the wind is hard to work against and in severe stormy conditions may even blow the clothes off the line.



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