How to Pad and Fold a Quilt for Storage

Featuring "Flowers of the Crown"
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Lay your quilt face-up on a clean, flat surface. Crumple or twist acid-free tissue into a roll about the diameter of your forearm and slightly wider than the quilt. Place the roll about 15-20” (depending on the size of your quilt and your storage container) from the top edge of the quilt.

Fold the top edge of the quilt down, catching the tissue roll completely in the fold. Create another tissue roll the same size as the first and place it alongside the top edge.

Fold down the first padded section, being careful to keep the edges of the quilt from being crimped or folded. Do not fold the quilt at the very middle (a common area for creases to cause damage). If this occurs, go back to the first step and adjust the first fold slightly smaller.

Fold the remaining section over on top. Be sure the tissue rolls are tucked into the folds well.

Create two more tissue rolls the width of the rolled quilt. Place them roughly at thirds, depending again on the length of your container. Smaller quilts may only need one fold at this point.
Fold the ends of the padded and rolled quilt to the middle. They can overlap each other. Again, avoid folding along the center of the quilt.

Place a sheet of tissue in your box then place the folded quilt inside. Try to keep tissue between the quilt and the box on all sides.

Lay another sheet of tissue over the folded quilt, tuck in the sides, and then place the lid on the box. Be sure to label the outside of the box.