Caring for Your Textiles

Traditional Methods

Traditional Solutions for Pest Mitigation and Storage
Plants that Insects and Pests Hate

Some common plants and herbs are a good alternative to chemicals and pesticides.

Here are some of the most widely available plants, many from your kitchen, traditionally used since ancient times. Combined with traditional storage methods, these are toxic-free solutions. However, these are not for pest eradication, but only for mitigation.

- **clove studs** Syzygium aromaticum
- **peppercorns** Piper nigrum
- **pandan leaves** Pandanus amaryllifolius
- **vetiver root** Chrysopogon zizanioides
- **tobacco leaves** Nicotiana tabacum

**How To**

1. Place dried herbs in a small cloth bag or mesh pouch near the textiles. The aroma of these spices will help keep insects away.

2. Store the textile in a basket, wooden/tin box, drawer, under the bed mattress (remember to wrap the textile in cotton first!) and place the little pouch of herbs and spices nearby. Check every month and replace with new herbs and spices when the aroma is gone.

Solutions for responsible consumption and production patterns (United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #12)

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