

"OOPS!" STAIN REMOVAL TIPS



Stains are a part of living, but it doesn't mean you have to live with the stain!

Here hare some tips to help you with the clean up.

TOP POINTERS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- **Test your Materials:** If you can find na inconspicuous place to test out your stain removal, this will help.
- **React Quickly:** The quicker you can act, the easier it should be to remove stains. Remember to stay away from heat setting the stain as much as possible. (Dryer, iron, etc.)
- **Work inside out:** If you can push the stain out from the inside with will help to not push the stain further into the material.

Top Products:

Fels Naptha: This soap is the best ever created for stains. It's very inexpensive and my good friend, Lynn of @lynnwardrobesews swears by it!

Tide Stick/shout wipes: These super market or amazon grabs are perfect to treat a stain fast, then you can launder as needed.

FOOD STAINS:

- **Ketchup and other sauces:** Soak in warm water with liquid dish detergent (Dawn). Rinse and can rub with Fels Naptha before laundering.
- **Tomato Based Sauces:** Soak in cool water for 30 mins, rub in liquid laundry detergent and Fels Naptha into stain before washing
- **Chocolate:** scrape off with dull knife, wash in warm soapy water.
Stubborn stains - sponge on Hydrogen peroxide and wait 30 minutes. Wash.
- **Chewing Gum:** rub with ice, scrape with fingernail
OR place in a plastic bag in the freezer. scrape off frozen gum
OR soak in white vineger, or rub with egg white. Launder.

BALL POINT PENS:

- Cover with absorbent pad. Blot with rubbing alcohol, move pad frequently, wash with bleach
- OR blot fresh spill. Soak in milk for 30 mins, then wash
- OR apply hairspray, rub with clean dry cloth. Wash.
- OR rub insect repellent, launder

DRINK STAINS:

- **Wine/Liquor:** sprinkle immediately with salt, soak in cold water, rub stain out, launder. OR soak in cool water, sponge with white vinegar, rinse and wash. OR squirt with soda water.
- **Beer: non-washables** - sponge with denatured alcohol, rub with Fels Naptha, rinse and dry. **Washables** - add white vinegar to wash and rub with Fels Naptha before.
- **Milk:** soak in 1 cup salt to 1 gallon cool water, rinse, wash.
- **Coffee/Tea:** Pour boiling water on the stain from the back, OR apply a few drops of white vinegar, OR rub Fels Naptha with warm water.

BODILY FLUIDS:

- **Blood:** Spray or dab with Hydrogen Peroxide, wash OR Soak in cold water for one hour, rub with Fels Naptha and wash
- **Urine:** Soak in 1/2 white vinegar and 1/2 cool water, wash with cool water rinse OR sponge with mild ammonia solution and water, rinse in clean warm water, launder.
- **Perspiration:** Rub with Fels Naptha, rinse and wash with warm water, OR apply white vinegar or lemon juice and wash, OR rub with paste of baking soda and water. Allow to absorb and launder.

OTHER PESKY STAINS:

- **Machine Grease:** Rub shortening into stain, wash, OR cover fresh spill with cornstarch, put paper towel under stain. repeat as necessary. Wash with warm water, OR sponge with gasoline with clean towel under, wash and rinse.
- **Grass:** Rub with Fels Naptha and warm water, OR apply rubbing alcohol, rinse, wash. OR use a mild solution of hydrogen peroxide.
- **Oil stains:** use liquid dish soap (like Dawn) and warm water. Rinse and wash.
- **Yellowing:** soak in 1/2 c. bleach, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 1 gal warm water, rinse, wash

*****There are lots of different stains that can happen, but I hope some of these tips will help you hold on to those clothes that you love. Save them from the stain!!***

