

DIY SPOT REMOVAL GUIDE

Here are cleaning solution steps, listed by number. Find your spot on the chart below, then proceed with the numbered cleaning solution(s).

CLEANING SOLUTIONS: dampen a white terry cloth towel and then blot clean using the following:

1. Detergent and water - Mix 1/2 teaspoon of dish detergent (with no bleach or lanolin) to (2) cups lukewarm water. Follow spot cleaning by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel.
2. Warm Water Rinse - Dampen a white terry cloth towel with lukewarm water and blot the affected area.
3. Dry Cleaning Solvent or Citrus Solvent – Solvents can be found in your local hardware store or supermarket. (Nail polish remover with Acetone can be substituted when spot cleaning small stains).
4. Isopropyl Alcohol
5. 3% Hydrogen Peroxide - Follow by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel. DO NOT attempt to clean acne medication, cosmetics, or hand cream stains using hydrogen peroxide.
6. Vinegar and water – Mix 1 cup of white vinegar with 2 cups of water. Follow spot cleaning by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel.
7. Ammonia and water - Mix 2 tablespoons of household ammonia with 1 cup of water. Follow the spot cleaning by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel.
8. Nail Polish Remover with Acetone
9. Vacuum

Spot	Cleaning Solutions
Acne medication	3, 1, 7
Asphalt	3,1
Asphalt sealer	3, 1
Baby formula	3, 1, 7
Beer	1, 2
Blood	7, 1, 5
Butter	3, 1, 7
Candy	1, 7, 6, 5

Carbon black	9, 3, 1
Catsup	1, 7, 6
Chocolate	3, 1, 7
Chocolate milk	3, 1, 7, 6
Clay	3, 1, 6
Coffee	1, 6, 5
Cola	1, 7, 6, 5
Cologne	1, 7, 6
Cooking oil	3, 1, 7
Costmetics	8, 3, 1
Cough medicine	1, 7, 6
Cranberry juice	1, 7, 5
Crayon	3, 1, 4
Dye	4, 3, 2
Egg	1, 7, 6
Feces	1, 7
Felt marker	8, 3, 5
Food dye	4, 3, 2, 7
Fruit punch/juice	1, 7, 6
Furniture dye	8, 3, 1
Furniture polish (oil base)	8, 3
Glue	3, 2
Graphite	9, 3, 2
Gravy	3, 1, 7
Grease (black)	3, 1

Greasy food stains	3, 1, 7
Gum	3 only
Hair shampoo	2, 7, 4
Hand cream	3, 1, 7
Ice cream	3, 1, 7
Iodine	3, 1, 5
Ink	8, 3, 2
Jelly	1, 7, 6
Kool-Aid (powder)	9, 2,6
Kook-Aid (wet)	1, 6, 5, 2
Liquor/alcoholic beverages	1, 7, 6
Makeup	3, 1, 2
Margerine	3, 1, 2
Mayonnaise	3, 1, 7
Medicines (non-ointment)	8, 3, 5
Milk	3, 1, 7
Mold/mildew	1, 7
Mouthwash	1, 6, 3
Mud	1, 2
Mustard	1, 6, 5
Nail polish	8, 3, 1
Oil	3, 1
Ointment	3, 1, 7
Paint (acrylic)	3, 6, 2
Paint (enamel)	3, 2, 1

Paint (latex)	1, 7, 3
Paint (oil-base)	3, 2, 1
Paint (water-base)	1, 7, 2
Peanut butter	3, 1, 2
Rust	1, 2
Salad dressing	3, 1
Sauces	3, 1, 7
Shoe polish (liquid)	3, 8, 1
Shoe polish (paste)	3, 1
Shoe polish (wax)	3, 1, 2
Soft drinks	1, 7, 6, 5
Soot	9 only
Syrup	1, 7, 2
Tar	3, 1
Tea	1, 6, 2, 5
Tomato juice/sauce	1, 6, 2, 5
Urine (dry)	1, 2, 6, 5
Urine (wet)	1, 7, 6
Varnish	3, 1
Vegetable	3, 1, 2
Vinegar	7, 2
Vomit	1, 7, 6
Wax	3, 1, 6
Wine	1, 6, 7, 5
Water	3, 6, 2

Watercolors	1, 7, 6, 4
Whiskey	1, 6, 7