

Cleaning Tips Grandma Used

(Old fashioned ways to save money everyday)

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Furniture Polish

This is so easy to make, and it works!

1 cup vegetable oil

1/2 cup lemon juice

Pour oil and lemon juice into a squirt bottle or jar. Stir to combine. To use, dip dust cloth or rag into oil, blot the oil by folding the cloth together, and then dust your furniture. Leaves a beautiful finish!

Eliminate Pre-treatments

If you add 1/2 cup bicarbonate soda to your wash and 3/4 cup white vinegar to your rinse, you'll be able to almost completely eliminate the use of pre-treatments like Preen etc. I've never come across ANYTHING that was ever harmed by this baking soda/vinegar treatment, it doesn't make your clothes smell like vinegar, and it also often gets rid of colours that have bled onto other clothes. I don't have to worry about separating colours and whites when I use this treatment---it gets it all clean. In fact, it seems to get all the clothes a lot cleaner for a lot less.

Washing for 8 Cents Per Load

Don't like the chemicals in laundry detergent? Use pure soap instead without breaking the budget. I buy a 6 pack of soap cakes for as little as 95 cents. For a full wash in a 5kg washing machine I grate half a cake in hot water. By the time the machine is filled with water the soap has melted and is ready to be poured in. It also saves on fabric softener as the soap has a softening effect as opposed to harsh detergents. This means a load of washing can be done for as little as 8 cents. Surely this is a great tip! - *Contributed by Julieanne, Mansfield*

Ironing Aid

I have found the best ironing spray is to mix 50-100ml of fabric softener (I use a 65cent sachet that makes up into 2 litres) in a multi purpose spray bottle with the rest filled with tap water. This makes approximately 450ml. I use it on everything from jeans, t-shirts, cotton shirts and anything that needs ironing. I find that it makes everything very easy to iron and leaves the item soft and smelling fresh. It also works well sprayed on towels etc.

before going into the dryer to simply soften them and finish drying them in winter. NOTE: This does not stain or mark any fabrics, nor does it leave that crust that some ironing aids leave. - *Contributed by Christine, June*

Safe Stain Remover

Besides absorbing odours in refrigerators and freezers, bicarbonate soda makes a good scouring powder because of its mild abrasiveness. It removes light soil and stains on sinks, bench tops and stovetops. A paste of bicarb and water onto stained Tupperware type containers will miraculously remove the stain. Mixed with water it makes an all-around, light-duty cleaner.

Vinegar Window Cleaner

1/2 cup white vinegar

4 litres warm water

Just mix and scrub. When washing windows, using newspaper is best.

Cold Tea

Cold tea is a good cleaner for wood. Wipe over with a cloth dampened with the tea and then polish dry with a soft, clean cloth. This retains the natural patina of the timber without waxing.



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