

STAIN REMOVAL

CHEAT SHEET



ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Mix one tablespoon of white vinegar with 2/3 cup of rubbing alcohol. Using a clean white cloth, sponge the stain with the vinegar/alcohol solution. Blot until the liquid is absorbed. Repeat until the stain disappears.



BABY FOOD

Soak 15 minutes in solution of 1 qt. warm water, 1/2 tsp dish soap, and 1 tbs. ammonia. Rub gently then soak in solution again. Soak in enzyme-based detergent for at least a few hours. Launder as usual.



BLOOD, VOMIT, URINE, POOP, EGG, GLUE

Soak in cold water immediately and then wash in cold water with an added mixture of 1/2 cup hydrogen peroxide and 1/2 cup baking soda in the washing machine. Retreat as necessary.



CHOCOLATE

Rub liquid dish soap into the stain and rinse with cold water. Retreat as necessary.



COFFEE/TEA

Remove the excess. Rinse with cold water. Rub in with liquid detergent. Sit for 5 minutes then soak for 15 minutes. Spritz with a 50/50 vinegar water mix. Rinse again with cold water.



FOOD COLORING

Apply dish soap over the stain and soak it in a sink full of vinegar and cold water. Rinse and launder as usual.

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FRUIT JUICE

Soak for 15 minutes in solution of 1 qt. warm water, 1/2 tsp dish soap and 1 tbs. white vinegar. Rinse then sponge with rubbing alcohol. Soak for 30 minutes in 1 qt. warm water with 1 tbs. enzyme-based detergent. If stain remains launder using chlorine bleach or oxigen bleach (depending on what is safe for the fabric).



GRASS

Scrub with liquid dish soap or treat with a 50/50 hydrogen peroxide and water mix. Wash in warm/hot water. Retreat as necessary.



GREASE/OIL

Scrub with liquid dish soap then rinse with cold water. Treat with regular stain remover and then wash in warm/hot water. Retreat as necessary.



INK

Spray stain with hairspray, rubbing into stain. Let dry then treat with regular stain remover. Wash in cold water. Retreat as necessary.



MAKE-UP

Pre-treat with stain remover and wash as usual in the hottest water safe for the fabric.



MAYONNAISE

Pre-treat with laundry stain remover. Rub with heavy duty liquid detergent. Launder as usual.

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MUD

Let the mud dry and scrape off excess. Rub liquid laundry detergent into the stain and let it sit for 15 minutes. Using a wet toothbrush and a few drops of water, scrub the detergent into the stain. Launder as usual but apart from other clothes. Air dry to make sure the stain is completely gone.



PLAY-DOH

Remove excess and soak the affected area for 30 minutes in a bowl of cool water with a bit of dish soap. Then, apply a bit of dish soap directly to the stain and launder as usual.



SWEAT

Create a paste with baking soda and water. Let it sit for an hour then wash in warm water if fabric allows. Also try 50/50 hydrogen peroxide and let sit for 30 minutes.



SOFT DRINKS/COLA

Use plain water or mix one tablespoon of liquid hand dish-washing detergent and one tablespoon of white vinegar with two cups of warm water. Using a clean white cloth, sponge the stain with plain water or the detergent/vinegar solution.



TOMATO SAUCE

Treat with white vinegar directly on the stain and wash immediately in cold water. Retreat as necessary.



WAX & GUM

Use an ice cube to freeze wax or gum. Scrape or crack off the wax or gum.