

ENCORES CONSIGNMENT



Cleaning Tips

Clothes:

Biz is great for all types of stains - soaking clothing in a sink with water and a lot of Biz is the first treatment for most stains. Great for stained shoe laces and cuffs. Just soak and then wash as directed in the washer. On white fabrics, chlorox bleach pen on a toothbrush is good spot remover.

Oxy Clean is great to make a paste, apply, and let sit. I keep the tiny spray bottles everywhere so I can treat a stain immediately. Also good to add along with your regular detergent occasionally to brighten the entire load.

Goop is a hand cleaner and is good for grease. It goes on without water. Apply liberally and let sit, then put in regular wash cycle. Has been found to remove stains from clothes that were washed and dried with a crayon. Found at Walmart and hardware stores.

Fels-Naptha is an old fashioned bar soap. Just wet bar and rub in. It won't hurt if it dries in, works great on most stains, especially good for ring-around-the-collar and perspiration stains.

Hot Water is great for kool-aid and jello-type stains. Pour hot water over stain while holding fabric taut.

Mother's Miracle is a cleaning solution new mothers can't do without! Great for spit-up, urine, blood, etc. Found at Baby Superstore.

Carbona Stain Remover - various solutions for many types of fabric - the rust solution is a very good one. Found at Kroger and many other stores.

Tilex is great for mildew stains on white fabrics. Remember, it is a bleach! Must be used carefully, especially on colored fabrics. On whites, spray on and let sit - just rinse if blue spots occur. On colored fabrics, it's easy to cause bleach spots, but carefully spray on and rinse quickly. Using tilex on colored fabrics is really a last resort.

Rit Dye color remover is another last resort, but can be effective. Follow the directions carefully. On small stained areas, it is easier to use the stove-top method, but for larger loads, use the washer.

Fabric Link Website

<http://www.fabriclink.com/Care/Home.cfm>

Another great web site with lots of practical solutions - Barefoot Lass's Stain Removal Page.

Toys & Shoes:

Use a spray preparation solution (found at shoe stores) on scuffs and marks. For scratches that have taken off the original color, use shoe spray. Instead of spraying directly on the shoe, causing a caked-on look, spray onto wax paper. Then dab at the scratch with a foam paintbrush. This will give a smoother finish. Don't forget to soak the laces in Biz while you're doing this!

Oops - latex paint remover - great for getting all kinds of stains, marks, and stickers off plastic toys. If the toy is made of thin plastic, test a small area before cleaning. On most thick plastic such as Little Tikes toys, Oops will take off scratches, scuffs, crayon, pen, pencil, etc. On stubborn marks, use steel wool. Will also take crayon off chalk boards without damaging the finish. Wear rubber gloves. Found at Walmart and hardware stores.

Un-Du Adhesive remover - previously called Scrapper's solution - will remove bar code labels, stickers, and goop. Has a built in scraper to help lift stickers off

Power wheels - local repair stores have decals - can clean fuses and switches with a Q-tip and alcohol

Little Tikes - 1(800) 321-0183

Power Wheels - 1(800) 348-0751

Fisher Price - 1(800) 432-5437

PlaySkool - 1(800) 752-9755