

Student Handout 

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Hair spray removes ink. Spray stain, let stand and wash as usual.

Denture tablets clean vases. Fill vase about an inch from the top with water. Add tablets and let dissolve completely. Rinse well.

Crayons cover scratches. Rub appropriate color of crayon on scratch.

Toothpaste cleans gold. Rub gold jewelry with paste. Use brush if necessary. Rinse well.

Mayonnaise removes water spots. Spread mayonnaise on water spot. Let soak into wood. Wipe off thoroughly.

Walnuts cover scratches. Scratches on furniture can be covered by rubbing walnut or other nutmeat directly on them.

Soda water cleans carpet stains. Blot stain with soda water and sponge.

Aluminum foil removes tarnish. Fill a pan with water. Add 1 tbsp. each of salt and baking soda and a few sheets of aluminum foil. Add silver and let mixture set for an hour or so. Tarnish goes onto the foil. Rinse the silver in hot water and polish dry.

Lemon juice cleans silver. Soak silver in lemon juice. Rinse well with hot water and polish dry.

Shampoo removes laundry stains. Use shampoo to remove ring around the collar.

Ground spice with cornstarch removes carpet odor. Mix spice (cinnamon, cloves, etc.) and cornstarch, wait several hours or overnight and vacuum.

Vinegar cleans windows. Mix a small amount of vinegar with 1 cup water and spray as usual.

LEMONS

Place cut lemons and water in a tarnished pan or place tarnished utensils in a pan with lemon water. Stew on low, for about an hour or so, until stains are gone.

Place slices of lemon in a pot of water or potpourri warmer with water. Simmer gently in the open pot for an hour.

Rub cut lemons into a washed cutting board to eliminate food odors. Set slices of lemons around the kitchen while preparing food.

Pour baking soda into a drain and follow with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of lemon juice. Let the mixture stand for 15 minutes (will foam) before rinsing with hot water.

Use lemon juice as a window cleaner.

Lemon juice may be used to clean brass and copper. Add some salt for tough cleaning jobs.

Lighten wood, such as butcher blocks, cutting boards and raw tabletops, by saturating a sponge with lemon juice and washing the wood. Do not rinse.

Bleach clothes by adding $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of lemon juice to the wash cycle. It can also be added to the rinse cycle.

Remove ink stains from cloth by soaking in lemon juice.

Remove mold or rust from cloth by using a paste made from salt and lemon juice.

Clean chrome with lemon juice or rub a lemon directly on the chrome.

Rinse hands with lemon juice to remove onion odors, berry stains, food coloring, etc.

Remove shampoo residue by rinsing hair with lemon juice and warm water.