



Stain Removal Suggestions

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Color Explosion

Introduction

Stain Removal

The suggestions for removing stains have been compiled as a service to our consumers. We are unable to guarantee or be responsible for the results obtained by these procedures. You may also wish to consult your local cleaner for further recommendations.

Before attempting the stain removal method, test each procedure on an inconspicuous area of the material or surface to be cleaned. Please be advised these stain removal methods involve hazardous products and are intended only for adult use. Crayola does not recommend children attempt these procedures.

In many procedures, specific brands of products are recommended. These are brands that performed most effectively in our laboratory. Always check individual containers for recommended procedures and warnings. Competitive brand products may work equally well.

Color Explosion(TM) (black paper coating)

Surface

appliances

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

carpet

Materials

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Oxi Clean® carpet cleaner
- Resolve™ Dual Power Spot carpet cleaner

Procedure

Remove as much of the black paper coating stain as possible using paper towels to blot the stain. Use one of the carpet cleaning products according to the directions on the container. Allow stain to stand and penetrate for 5 minutes. Blot area with a clean paper towel or sponge, being careful not to spread the stain. Vacuum when carpet is dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

cement

Materials

- Dawn® liquid dish soap
- garden hose
- Oxi Clean Powder

- Scrub Brush

Procedure

Use a garden hose with water to remove as much of the stain as possible. Apply Dawn liquid dish soap and water to the stain, and work the area with a scrub brush. Rinse with water. If stain remains, make a paste with Oxi Clean Powder. Apply the paste to the stained area allowing it to rest for a few minutes. Again, work the area using the scrub brush and rinse with water. Repeat as needed.

Surface

Chalkboard–slate

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

concrete

Materials

- Dawn® liquid dish soap
- garden hose
- Oxi Clean Powder
- Scrub Brush

Procedure

Use a garden hose with water to remove as much of the stain as possible. Apply Dawn liquid dish soap and water to the stain, and work the area with a scrub brush. Rinse with water. If stain remains, make a paste with Oxi Clean Powder. Apply the paste to the stained area allowing it to rest for a few minutes. Again, work the area using the scrub brush and rinse with water. Repeat as needed.

Surface

durable cloth car interiors

Materials

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Oxi Clean® carpet cleaner
- Resolve™ Dual Power Spot carpet cleaner

Procedure

Remove as much of the black paper coating stain as possible using paper towels to blot the stain. Use one of the carpet cleaning products according to the directions on the container. Allow stain to stand and penetrate for 5 minutes. Blot area with a clean paper towel or sponge, being careful not to spread the stain. Vacuum when carpet is dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

fabrics–fresh stains/heat–set stains(melted)

Materials

- Tide® powder detergent with bleach

Procedure

Fabric (fresh)–Fill washing machine with as hot of water as possible for the fabric (check manufacturer’s care label). Dissolve Tide powder detergent with bleach. Wash fabric on heavy soiled cycle (12 minutes). Remove fabric and air dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure. Fabric (heat–set, melted)– Fill washing machine with as hot of water as possible for the fabric (check manufacturer’s care label). Dissolve Tide powder detergent with bleach. Soak fabric for 30 minutes. Wash fabric on heavy soiled cycle (12 minutes) with Tide powder detergent with bleach. Remove fabric and air dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure. If using Oxi Clean powder detergent, follow directions on container.

Surface

finished wood (paint, stain, varnish)

Materials

- Soft cloth
- Pledge® spray furniture polish
- Favor spray furniture polish

Procedure

Use furniture polish according to the directions on the container. Wipe with a soft cloth. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

Formica®

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

glass

Materials

- Paper towels
- Windex® with Ammonia D glass cleaner

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

Leather

Materials

- None

Procedure

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

Surface

marble

Materials

- None

Procedure

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

Surface

mirrors

Materials

- Paper towels
- Windex® with Ammonia D glass cleaner

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

painted wall

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

painted wallboard

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper

towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

plastic

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

scrubbable wallpaper

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

Skin

Materials

- Liquid dish soap for grease removal
- Bar soap
- Baby wipes
- Pumice soap

Procedure

Wash skin as soon as possible with any type bar soap, any type grease cutting liquid dish soap or baby wipes. If stain remains, use pumice soap. Repeat washing if necessary.

Surface

Slate

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

tile

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure. SPECIAL NOTE—This procedure only works for glazed tiles. If the surface of the tile is unsealed, the black coating will penetrate the surface of the tile and will be very difficult to remove. This also applies to grout.

Surface

unfinished wood (untreated/raw)

Materials

- None

Procedure

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

Surface

upholstery

Materials

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Oxi Clean® carpet cleaner
- Resolve™ Dual Power Spot carpet cleaner

Procedure

Remove as much of the black paper coating stain as possible using paper towels to blot the stain. Use one of the carpet cleaning products according to the directions on the container. Allow stain to stand and penetrate for 5 minutes. Blot area with a clean paper towel or sponge, being careful not to spread the stain. Vacuum when carpet is dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

vinyl floor – no wax

Materials

- Paper towels
- Formula 409®

Procedure

Spray product on surface according to the directions on the container. Wipe with paper towels. If stain remains, repeat procedure.

Surface

wallpaper

Materials

- None

Procedure

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

Color Explosion(TM) Magic Sparkle Wand

Surface

appliances

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with alcohol, blot the stain and rinse.

Surface

carpet

Materials

- Sponge
- Rubbing alcohol
- Upholstery/rug shampoo
- Capture® (spot and soil remover)

Procedure

Dampen a sponge with water and wipe stains from the outside to the center of the stain. If the stain remains, dampen a sponge with alcohol and use a blotting motion to absorb the stain, changing the sponge as often as needed. Apply upholstery/rug shampoo according to the directions on the container. If stain remains, use Capture spot and soil remover according to the directions on the container.

Surface

carpet–100% nylon

Materials

- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge

- Cotton balls
- Spot Shot® (carpet stain remover)

Procedure

Blot stain with a damp sponge, changing the sponge as it picks up stain. If any stain remains, apply alcohol to a cotton ball and blot. If stain persists, apply alcohol to a cotton ball and place on the stain with a weight on the cotton ball. Cover with a glass jar or equivalent to keep the cotton ball moist overnight. If stain is still noticeable, apply Spot Shot as recommended on the container. SPECIAL NOTE Do not leave Spot Shot on for more than 8 hours. Check after 4 hours.

Surface

chalkboard – slate or green

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with alcohol, blot the stain and rinse.

Surface

clothing or fabrics

Materials

- Laundry detergent
- Bleach for colored clothing (Clorox 2® or OxiClean powder)

Procedure

If you notice the stain before laundering, rinse stain with hot water. Wash in hot water with laundry detergent for about 12 minutes (heavy soil cycle). Soak in OxiClean or Clorox 2 solution, according to the instructions on the container, for one hour and repeat a laundry cycle. Repeated laundering should remove any residual stains.

Surface

durable cloth car interiors

Materials

- Sponge
- Rubbing alcohol
- Upholstery/rug shampoo
- Capture® (spot and soil remover)

Procedure

Dampen a sponge with water and wipe stains from the outside to the center of the stain. If the stain remains, dampen a sponge with alcohol and use a blotting motion to absorb the stain, changing the sponge as often as needed. Apply upholstery/rug shampoo according to the directions on the container. If stain remains, use Capture spot and soil remover according to the directions on the container.

Surface

Formica®

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with alcohol, blot the stain and rinse.

Surface

painted walls

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with alcohol, blot the stain and rinse.

Painted wood

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with alcohol, blot the stain and rinse.

Surface

paneling

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with alcohol, blot the stain and rinse.

Surface

plastic

Materials

- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with

Surface

upholstery

Materials

- Sponge
- Rubbing alcohol
- Upholstery/rug shampoo
- Capture® (spot and soil remover)

Procedure

Dampen a sponge with water and wipe stains from the outside to the center of the stain. If the stain remains, dampen a sponge with alcohol and use a blotting motion to absorb the stain, changing the sponge as often as needed. Apply upholstery/rug shampoo according to the directions on the container. If stain remains, use Capture spot and soil remover according to the directions on the container.

Surface

vinyl floor – no wax

Materials

- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Spot Shot® (carpet stain remover)

Procedure

Blot stain with a damp sponge, changing the sponge as it picks up stain. If any stain remains, apply alcohol to a cotton ball and blot. If stain persists, apply alcohol to a cotton ball and place on the stain with a weight on the cotton ball. Cover with a glass jar or equivalent to keep the cotton ball moist overnight. If stain is still noticeable, apply Spot Shot as recommended on the container. **SPECIAL NOTE** Do not leave Spot Shot on for more than 8 hours. Check after 4 hours.

Color Explosion(TM) Markers Color Changeables(TM) Markers–Color Explosion Solution

Surface

appliances

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

carpet

Materials

- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Upholstery/rug shampoo
- Capture® (spot and soil remover)

Procedure

Dampen a sponge with alcohol and use a blotting motion to absorb the stain, changing the sponge as often as needed. Apply upholstery/rug shampoo according to the directions on the container. If stain remains, use Capture spot and soil remover according to the directions on the container.

Surface

chalkboard – slate or green

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls

- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

clothing or fabrics

Materials

- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Bleach for colored clothing (Clorox 2® or OxiClean powder)
- Cotton balls
- Rubbing alcohol

Procedure

Rinse stain from fabric with cold water until no more color is being removed. Place fabric on paper towels and saturate with alcohol using a cotton ball to blot the stain. Replace the paper towels as often as needed. Wash in hot water with laundry detergent and bleach for colored clothing and rinse in warm water.

Surface

durable cloth car interiors

Materials

- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Upholstery/rug shampoo
- Capture® (spot and soil remover)

Procedure

Dampen a sponge with alcohol and use a blotting motion to absorb the stain, changing the sponge as often as needed. Apply upholstery/rug shampoo according to the directions on the container. If stain remains, use Capture spot and soil remover according to the directions on the container.

Surface

finished wood (paint, stain, varnish)

- Soft Scrub (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

Formica®

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

marble

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

Painted wood

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

paneling

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

plastic

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

tile

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.

Surface

upholstery

Materials

- Rubbing alcohol
- Sponge
- Upholstery/rug shampoo
- Capture® (spot and soil remover)

Procedure

Dampen a sponge with alcohol and use a blotting motion to absorb the stain, changing the sponge as often as needed. Apply upholstery/rug shampoo according to the directions on the

Color Explosion™ Markers & Color Changeables™ Markers–Color Explosion Solution container. If stain remains, use Capture spot and soil remover according to the directions on the container.

Surface

vinyl floor – no wax

Materials

- Sponge
- Cotton balls
- Nail polish remover
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

Procedure

Wipe all stains with a damp sponge. If any stain remains, apply Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and rinse. If the stain persists, saturate a cotton ball with nail polish remover; blot the remaining stain and rinse.
