



# **Stain Removal Suggestions**

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# Color Wonder(TM)

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## **Introduction**

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### *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 Wonder(TM) Markers and Fingerprint Color Wonder Soft Sticks

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## *Surface*

asphalt (blacktop)

## *Materials*

- Stiff bristle brush
- Dawn® liquid dish soap
- Tide® powder laundry detergent
- Mean Green®

## *Procedure*

Scrape excess residue from surface. Apply Dawn liquid dish soap, use a stiff bristle brush in a circular motion and rinse with water. If stain remains, make a paste of Tide powder laundry detergent mixed with water, apply to the stain, work in a circular motion with a stiff bristle brush and rinse with water. If the stain persists, use a degreaser such as Mean Green or Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the package.

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## *Surface*

brick

## *Materials*

- Stiff bristle brush
- Dawn® liquid dish soap
- Tide® powder laundry detergent
- Mean Green®

## *Procedure*

Scrape excess residue from surface. Apply Dawn liquid dish soap, use a stiff bristle brush in a circular motion and rinse with water. If stain remains, make a paste of Tide powder laundry detergent mixed with water, apply to the stain, work in a circular motion with a stiff bristle brush and rinse with water. If the stain persists, use a degreaser such as Mean Green or Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the package.

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## *Surface*

carpet

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Soft cloth
- Woolite® Oxy Deep carpet cleaner
- Spot Shot® (carpet stain remover)

## ***Procedure***

Remove as much of the stain as possible using a paper towel with a blotting motion. Apply one of the cleaners listed above according to the directions on the container. Allow product to stand and penetrate for 5 minutes. Blot area with a paper towel, sponge or soft cloth being careful not to spread the stain. Continue blotting until the stain is removed. Vacuum when dry. If stain remains, repeat application.

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## ***Surface***

cement

## ***Materials***

- Stiff bristle brush
- Dawn® liquid dish soap
- Tide® powder laundry detergent
- Mean Green®

## ***Procedure***

Scrape excess residue from surface. Apply Dawn liquid dish soap, use a stiff bristle brush in a circular motion and rinse with water. If stain remains, make a paste of Tide powder laundry detergent mixed with water, apply to the stain, work in a circular motion with a stiff bristle brush and rinse with water. If the stain persists, use a degreaser such as Mean Green or Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the package.

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## ***Surface***

Computer screen

## ***Materials***

- Novus Plastic Polish

## ***Procedure***

Use according to the directions on the each container.

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## ***Surface***

concrete

## ***Materials***

- Stiff bristle brush
- Dawn® liquid dish soap
- Tide® powder laundry detergent
- Mean Green®

## ***Procedure***

Scrape excess residue from surface. Apply Dawn liquid dish soap, use a stiff bristle brush in a circular motion and rinse with water. If stain remains, make a paste of Tide powder laundry detergent mixed with water, apply to the stain, work in a circular motion with a stiff bristle brush and rinse with water. If the stain persists, use a degreaser such as Mean Green or Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the package.

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## ***Surface***

Drapes

## ***Materials***

- Soft cloth or sponge
- Liquid dish soap

## ***Procedure***

Fill a small container with water and dish soap. With a wet soapy sponge, use a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge in soapy water as needed. Allow area to air dry. If the stain persists, use Formula 409 cleaner with a damp sponge. Wipe the stain and rinse with water.

Special Note: Test the procedure in a small inconspicuous area before attempting the stain removal suggestion.

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## ***Surface***

durable cloth car interiors

## ***Materials***

- Sponge or soft cloth
- 409 Cleaner
- Liquid dish soap

## ***Procedure***

Fill a small container with water and dish soap. With a wet soapy sponge, use a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge in soapy water as needed. Allow area to air dry. If the stain persists, use Formula 409 cleaner with a damp sponge. Wipe the stain and rinse with water.

Special Note: Test the procedure in a small inconspicuous area before attempting the stain removal suggestion.

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## ***Surface***

Fabric – Colored clothing

## ***Materials***

- Water (As hot as possible for garment)

## ***Procedure***

Presoak the stained garment using either OxiClean powder or Tide with Bleach laundry detergent. Fill a bucket with two (2) gallons of water, as hot as possible for the garment and use one (1) scoop of Tide or OxiClean powder. Soak for 30 minutes or longer. The longer you soak, the better your results. Wash as usual. Air dry. If the stain persists, presoak again with additional amount of laundry detergent and hotter water.

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## ***Surface***

Fabric – White clothing only

## ***Materials***

- Water (As hot as possible for garment)

## ***Procedure***

Rinse garment in warm water to remove loose soil. Fully soak garment for 30 minutes in a solution of ¼ cup chlorine bleach with one (1) gallon of hot water or as hot a temperature as the garment can withstand. Launder as usual. Air dry.

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## ***Surface***

finished wood (paint, stain, varnish)

## ***Materials***

- None

## ***Procedure***

Finished wood and wood surfaces: If you have a Color Wonder stain on wood, please call 1-800-CRAYOLA for removal assistance.

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## ***Surface***

Formica®

## ***Materials***

- Soft Scrub (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Soft cloth or sponge
- 409 Cleaner
- Liquid dish soap

## ***Procedure***

Fill a small container with water and dish soap. With a wet soapy sponge, use a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge in soapy water as needed. Allow area to air dry. If the stain persists, use Soft Scrub cleaner with a damp sponge. Wipe the stain and rinse with water.

Special Note: Test the procedure in a small inconspicuous area before attempting the stain removal suggestion.

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## ***Surface***

glass

## ***Materials***

- Glass cleaner (any brand)
- Soft cloth
- Formula 409®

## ***Procedure***

Use Formula 409 cleaner or any brand glass cleaner according to the directions on the container.

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## ***Surface***

granite

## ***Materials***

- None

## ***Procedure***

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

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## ***Surface***

household surfaces

## ***Materials***

- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Formula 409®

## ***Procedure***

Try soap and water solution to remove marks from surface. If this does not work, see the following for removing from a variety of surfaces Surfaces to Clean with Formula 409®: Appliances Furniture Upholstery Car Upholstery Drapes Wallpaper Carpets and Rugs Glass (also may use any glass cleaner) Surfaces to Clean with Soft Scrub: Appliances with traditional finishes; such as, white or almond (not stainless steel) Vinyl (Floor or Placemats) Painted Surfaces (non-furniture) Formica Try either product in a small inconspicuous area first, before attempting to remove any stain. If you have a Color Wonder® stain on wood, please call 1-800-CRAYOLA for removal assistance.

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## ***Surface***

marble

## ***Materials***

- None

## ***Procedure***

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

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## ***Surface***

Microfiber fabrics

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Liquid dish soap

## ***Procedure***

Apply liquid dish soap and warm water to a sponge. Wipe the area clean. Rinse with water and allow to air dry. Repeat procedure if stain is not removed.

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## ***Surface***

mirrors

## ***Materials***

- Glass cleaner (any brand)
- Soft cloth
- Formula 409®

## ***Procedure***

Use Formula 409 cleaner or any brand glass cleaner according to the directions on the container.

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## ***Surface***

Non-ivory True ivory piano keys

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Toothpaste

## ***Procedure***

Non-ivory piano keys: Use Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and wipe with a damp clean soft cloth. True ivory piano keys: Use toothpaste with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and wipe with a damp clean soft cloth.

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## ***Surface***

painted wall

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser™
- Liquid dish soap for grease removal

- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

## ***Procedure***

Remove as much of the stain as possible using a soft cloth. Fill a container with water and liquid dish soap. With a wet soapy sponge, work in a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge as needed. Allow to air dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure. If stain persists, apply Soft Scrub or Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the container, or use the Mr. Clean Eraser according to package directions.

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## ***Surface***

painted wallboard

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser™
- Liquid dish soap for grease removal
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

## ***Procedure***

Remove as much of the stain as possible using a soft cloth. Fill a container with water and liquid dish soap. With a wet soapy sponge, work in a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge as needed. Allow to air dry. If stain remains, repeat procedure. If stain persists, apply Soft Scrub or Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the container, or use the Mr. Clean Eraser according to package directions.

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## ***Surface***

plastic

## ***Materials***

- Soft cloth
- Oxi Clean® detergent
- Formula 409®

## ***Procedure***

Use Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the container. If stain remains, make a paste with Oxi-Clean detergent and use according to the directions on the container.

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## ***Surface***

Screen savers

## ***Materials***

- Novus Plastic Polish (3 step system available through Internet)

## ***Procedure***

Use according to the directions on the each container.

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## ***Surface***

scrubbable wallpaper

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Liquid dish soap

## ***Procedure***

Wipe off as much of the stain as possible with a soft cloth. Fill a small container with liquid dish soap and water. With a wet soapy sponge, work in a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge as needed. Allow to air dry. If stain remains, apply Formula 409 cleaner according to the directions on the container.

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## ***Surface***

Stainless Steel

## ***Materials***

- Stainless Steel cleaner

## ***Procedure***

Use the stainless steel cleaner according to the directions on container.

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## ***Surface***

True ivory piano keys

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

- Toothpaste

## ***Procedure***

Non-ivory piano keys: Use Soft Scrub with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and wipe with a damp clean soft cloth. True ivory piano keys: Use toothpaste with a damp sponge, work in a circular motion and wipe with a damp clean soft cloth.

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## ***Surface***

TV screen

## ***Materials***

- Novus Plastic Polish (3 step system available through Internet)

## ***Procedure***

Use according to the directions on the each container.

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## ***Surface***

upholstery

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Soft cloth
- Woolite® Oxy Deep carpet cleaner
- Spot Shot® (carpet stain remover)

## ***Procedure***

Remove as much of the stain as possible using a paper towel with a blotting motion. Apply Resolve Carpet Cleaner, Spot Shot Carpet Cleaner or Woolite Oxy Deep Carpet Cleaner according to the directions on the container. Allow product to stand and penetrate for 5 minutes. Blot area with a paper towel, sponge or soft cloth being careful not to spread the stain. Continue blotting until the stain is removed. Vacuum when dry. If stain remains, repeat application.

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## ***Surface***

vinyl floor – no wax

## ***Materials***

- Soft Scrub (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Soft cloth or sponge
- 409 Cleaner
- Liquid dish soap

## ***Procedure***

Fill a small container with water and dish soap. With a wet soapy sponge, use a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge in soapy water as needed. Allow area to air dry. If the stain persists, use Soft Scrub cleaner with a damp sponge. Wipe the stain and rinse with water.

Special Note: Test the procedure in a small inconspicuous area before attempting the stain removal suggestion.

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## ***Surface***

vinyl flooring—no wax

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Liquid dish soap
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

## ***Procedure***

Fill a small container with liquid dish soap and water. With a wet soapy sponge, work in a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge as needed. Allow to air dry. If stain remains apply Soft Scrub according to the directions on the container, wipe the stain and rinse.

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## ***Surface***

vinyl placemats

## ***Materials***

- Sponge
- Liquid dish soap
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)

## ***Procedure***

Fill a small container with liquid dish soap and water. With a wet soapy sponge, work in a circular motion to remove the stain. Rinse the sponge as needed. Allow to air dry. If stain remains apply Soft Scrub according to the directions on the container, wipe the stain and rinse.

## ***Surface***

Washable curtains

## ***Materials***

- Tide® powder detergent with bleach
- Chlorine bleach

## ***Procedure***

Machine wash with Tide powder detergent with bleach in hot water. Place soiled material into washing machine, making sure the detergent is completely dissolved. Air dry. Repeat if necessary. You may use Oxi-Clean detergent for extra cleaning power according to the directions on the container. SPECIAL NOTE Optional: You may do a presoak with using both Tide powder detergent with bleach and Oxi-Clean detergent, no longer than 30 minutes. If left in presoak too long, drapery color may be removed. If the washable curtain is white, chlorine bleach may be used according to the directions on the container. If drape/curtain is not washable: blot off as much stain as possible and consult a professional dry cleaner.

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## ***Surface***

Washable drapes

## ***Materials***

- Tide® powder detergent with bleach
- Chlorine bleach

## ***Procedure***

Machine wash with Tide powder detergent with bleach in hot water. Place soiled material into washing machine, making sure the detergent is completely dissolved. Air dry. Repeat if necessary. You may use Oxi-Clean detergent for extra cleaning power according to the directions on the container. SPECIAL NOTE Optional: You may do a presoak with using both Tide powder detergent with bleach and Oxi-Clean detergent, no longer than 30 minutes. If left in presoak too long, drapery color may be removed. If the washable curtain is white, chlorine bleach may be used according to the directions on the container. If drape/curtain is not washable: blot off as much stain as possible and consult a professional dry cleaner.

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