



Stain Removal Suggestions

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Color Wonder(TM)

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 Wonder(TM) Markers and Fingerprint Color Wonder Soft Sticks

Surface

Appliances

Materials

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

Procedure

Fill a small container with liquid dish detergent 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

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.

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.

Surface

Carpet

Materials

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Soft cloth
- Woolite® Oxy Deep carpet cleaner
- Resolve™ 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.

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.

Surface

Computer screen

Materials

- Novus Plastic Polish

Procedure

Use according to the directions on the each container.

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.

Surface

Durable cloth car interiors

Materials

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Soft cloth
- Woolite® Oxy Deep carpet cleaner
- Resolve™ 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.

Surface

Fabric – Colored clothing

Materials

- Water (As hot as possible for garment)
- OxiClean® powder laundry detergent or Tide® with Bleach

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.

Surface

Fabric – White clothing only

Materials

- Water (As hot as possible for garment)
- OxiClean® powder laundry detergent or Tide® with Bleach
- Clorox chlorine bleach

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.

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.

Surface

Formica®

Materials

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

Procedure

Fill a small container with liquid dish detergent 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

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.

Surface

Granite

Materials

- None

Procedure

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

Surface

Marble

Materials

- None

Procedure

Refer to manufacturer for stain removal recommendation.

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.

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.

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.

Surface

Painted wall

Materials

- Soft Scrub (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser™
- Liquid dish soap for grease removal
- Soft Scrub® (mild abrasive cleanser)
- Formula 409®

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.

Surface

Painted wallboard

Materials

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

- Formula 409®

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.

Surface

Plastic

Materials

- Soft cloth
- OxiClean® 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.

Surface

Screen savers

Materials

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

Procedure

Use according to the directions on the each container.

Surface

Scrubable wallpaper

Materials

- Sponge
- Soft cloth
- Liquid dish soap
- Formula 409®

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.

Surface

Stainless Steel

Materials

- Stainless Steel cleaner

Procedure

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

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.

Surface

TV screen

Materials

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

Procedure

Use according to the directions on the each container.

Surface

Upholstery

Materials

- Sponge
- Paper towels
- Soft cloth
- Woolite® Oxy Deep carpet cleaner
- Resolve™ 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.

Surface

Vinyl floor – no wax

Materials

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

Procedure

Fill a small container with liquid dish detergent 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

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

- OxiClean® detergent
- 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.

Surface

Washable drapes

Materials

- OxiClean® detergent
- 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.
