D.I.Y. CARPET STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE

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- It can be less expensive to maintain than hard surface flooring.
- Hydrogen peroxide: 6 cups, 1/4 cup, 1 1/2 tbsp, 1 1/2 tbsp
- Basic maintenance: 16 cups, 1/4 cup
- Scented shampoo: 3 cups
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- Dry carpet cleaner: 1 tbsp, baking soda
- Spot removal: 2 cups, 1/4 cup
- Laundry detergent
- Spot removal guide:
  - Paint
  - Grease
  - Coffee
  - Red wine
  - Pet blood
  - Milk
  - Ink
- Blot cold water on the stain instead of rubbing it vigorously.
- Take some white vinegar and pour it into a spray bottle. Let the vinegar soak into the grease for a few minutes, then wipe the stain with a towel soaked in hot water.
- If the paint stain is still wet, blot the spot with a wet paper towel. If the paint stain is dry, use hot water and a little bit of dish detergent. Let the solution sit for a few minutes to soften the paint. Once the paint is softened, use a knife or pin to scrape the paint stain.
- Blot the spilled coffee with a paper towel. For black coffee stains, take some mild liquid detergent and place directly onto a damp sponge. Gently rub the stain with the sponge in a circular motion.
- Try and blot as much of the red wine stain as you can. Pour two cups of warm water. Mix in one tablespoon of white vinegar and one tablespoon of dishwashing liquid. Dip a sponge into the bowl and begin applying the solution directly onto the wine stain.
- Pour vinegar on the stain and sprinkle baking soda until it is covered. Wait until stain has been absorbed and blot dry.
- Mix one-half cup of warm water with one tablespoon of ammonia. Using a cloth or sponge, apply the ammonia solution directly onto the blood stain. Blot the stain until the liquid is fully absorbed. Apply a sponge dipped in cold water and blot dry.
- Buy two cans of cheap lacquer hair spray. Spray the hairspray onto the ink stain. This will soften the ink. Using a white cloth towel, blot the lacquer. Once the area is dry, hand-brush the affected area and then vacuum.

UNUSUAL CARPET CLEANING SOLUTIONS

- Vinegar and ammonia can remove most water soluble stains. Use them to clean the following:
  - Wine
  - Coffee
  - Beer
  - Milk
  - Cola
  - Feces
  - Juice
  - Jelly
  - Berries
  - Food dye
  - Ice cream
  - Gravy
- Pour salt on the wine spill to keep it from setting until you figure out which method of clean up you would like to go with.
- Shaving cream:
  - Juice
  - Blot the stain, pat it with a wet sponge, squirt some shaving cream on it, and then wipe clean with a damp sponge.
- Beer or coffee:
  - Pour a bit of beer right on top. Rub the beer lightly into the material, and the stain should disappear. Repeat as necessary.
- Rubbing alcohol:
  - Moisten a soft cloth with rubbing alcohol and press it on the affected area. Once the glue is thoroughly moistened, wipe and repeat until the carpet is clean.
- Ice
  - Freeze with a wrapped ice cube, then peel off the frozen gum.

CLEANING SUPERSTARS

- Vinegar
- Ammonia

SPOT REMOVAL GUIDE

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- Grease
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- Blot cold water on the stain instead of rubbing it vigorously. This will keep it from settling in the carpet.
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