

HOUSEKEEPING : STAIN REMOVAL
REMOVAL OF COMMON STAINS FROM CELLULOSIC FABRICS

STAINS	METHOD OF REMOVAL
Ballpoint ink	Rub with spirit or soak in glycerin if old. Wash
Betal leaf	Bleach in 1% potassium permanganate. Then soak in oxalic acid.
Blood	Soak in cold water for an hour. Then soak in enzyme detergent.
Candle wax	Scrape with a blunt knife. Place between two sheets of tissue paper and use hot iron
Chewing gum	Remove gum with blunt knife
Coffee, tea	Pour boiling water over stain. Apply borax powder. Pour boiling water. Launder
Curry	Apply soap .Then bleach in sunlight
Egg	Soak in enzyme detergent or in warm salt solution Launder.
Ghee, oil	Rub French chalk over the stain, brush off. Wash with soap and warm water.
Grease	Soak in a solvent. Launder in hot water
Gum, Glue	Steep in hot water with few drops of glycerine. Launder in hot water
Heena	Soak in warm milk for half an hour.Launder
Ice cream, milk	Rinse with cold water and launder or apply petrol. Launder

Lipstick	Soften the stain by applying glycerine into it. Apply methylated spirit. Launder
Mud	Dust off as much stain as possible, soak in alkaline bath (soda bi carb) for a few hours. Launder
Nail polish	Place the stain against a clean absorbant towel and dab it with acetone or a nail polish remover
Paint, Vainish	As nail polish but use turpentine, spirit or kerosene
Perspiration	Soak in oxalic acid rinse and again soak in hydrogen peroxide
Perfume	Do not let the stain age. Wash in hot water. A weak solution of acetic acid helps. Bleach if required.
Rust	A rust remover can be used. Soak in oxalic acid for about 15 mts. Rinse with borax solution and launder
Shoe polish	Sponge with liquid detergent. If hard soften with glycerine first and then steep in turpentine.
Soot	Apply starch paste and launder
Tar	Scrape the surface with a blunt knife. Lay on a clean cloth and rub with oil and grease. Launder in hot water.
Urine, vomit	Treat as perspiration

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