

Questions
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gent or a soda solution to ceramic tile. Then use it off with clean water. Use a sponge or a brush well for applying the solutions. They're good tools for cleaning off the surface of the tile as well as the joint between the tile.

Q. How can I remove yellowed wax from inlaid linoleum?

A. To remove the heavy layers of wax that have built up make a solution of household detergent and 3 ounces ammonia dissolved in 1 gallon warm water. Use a soft cloth to apply the solution and do this several times. For stubborn spots scrub lightly with steel wool. Be careful not to scratch the floor. Try to keep the floor out of cracks. Rinse the floor with clear water and wipe dry. You can also purchase a commercial solution sold for wax removal. Do follow the instructions carefully.

Q. What is the best way

to take care of wood floors?
A. The floor brush attachment of the vacuum cleaner does a thorough job of floor cleaning. Use the cleaner or a floor broom as often as you need to pick up dust and soil. If you want to give your floor a protective coating, use a cleaning and polishing type wax. This will remove the surface soil and give a wax coating.

Q. Can you take all the color out of a nylon dress or curtains.

A. Using a color remover it may be possible to remove most of the color from nylon. You may get some hard to-remove wrinkles in. Nylon won't melt at the boiling water temperature that you need to use with the color remover. But the hot water may soften the nylon somewhat, letting rather durable wrinkles form. Not all dyes are equally affected by color removers so there is a chance that the material may not be a clear white or it may be streaky.

Q. What is the best way to

dampen clothes?

A. Use warm water and spray clothes with a fine mist. Don't over dampen the clothes or don't roll or fold them tightly; this just adds wrinkles. It's better to cover the loosely folded damp clothes in plastic sheeting or put in a plastic bag. Let stand for a few hours so the water will spread into the fabric.

Q. Can you bleach wash-and-wear shirts to restore whiteness?

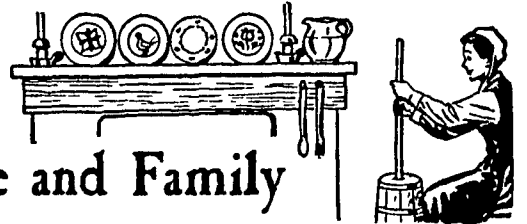
A. Most wash-and-wear shirts tend to turn yellow in chlorine bleaches. If the label says they are bleachable they may not. Usually the sodium perborate bleach can be used on these shirts as it is milder. However, it seems to be most effective in preventing graying rather than restoring the whiteness. You can use a color remover to whiten these shirts but it's apt to affect the wash-and-wear properties.

Q. What is the best way to wash a shower curtain?

A. Check the label on your shower curtain to see if it is machine washable. If you have a short cycle on your machine, wash the curtain with warm water and a mild detergent. But don't put the curtain through the spin cycle or deep creases may result. Rinse, then hang curtain up to dry. You can wash most plastic and cloth shower curtains this way. For less sturdy curtains you may want to suds them in the bathtub, rinse and hang back on the rod.

Q. How do you launder

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glass fiber curtains?
A. It's best to wash curtains of glass fiber in mild detergent and warm water. But don't wring them as the glass fibers tend to break. Just rinse the curtains and hang them up to drip dry. In a few minutes they'll dry so that you can put them back up on the rods.

Q. What's the best way to use and care for an electric blanket?

A. You'll get the best comfort from an electric blanket if you put it on directly over the top bed sheet. Then, if you leave your bed spread on top of it at night it may conserve some of the heat. If you remove the bedspread and keep your bedroom quite cool, you may want to use a light weight cover on top of the blanket. Of course the electric blanket adjusts to any heat and no covering is necessary. Be sure that you wash the electric blanket and don't try to dry clean it yourself or send it to be cleaned.

To wash your electric blanket, prepare a good suds of warm water and detergent in your washer. Detach the cord and control unit and put the blanket into the

suds. Let stand without machine action for 15 minutes. Turn the blanket over and let stand for another ten minutes. Then, let the water spin off. Put the blanket through several rinse waters but don't let the machine agitate any more than necessary. Have someone help you pull the clean blanket gently but firmly both lengthwise and across. (Turn to page 12)

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