

Ladies Have You Heard?

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ABOUT HOLIDAY STAIN REMOVAL TIPS

In the excitement of the holidays there's bound to be a spilled liquid or a dripping candle that can cause a spot or stain. So plan now to buy a few basic items to help with stain removal emergencies. You will need paper towels, cleaning fluids, a sponge, oxygen bleach, chlorine bleach, petroleum jelly and an enzyme pre-soak.

The key to stain removal is immediate treatment. When company is present and a spill occurs, use paper towels to absorb as much of the liquid as possible. Soak a sponge in cool water and use it to remove further traces of the spill. Later, you can get down to the business of final stain removal.

Test any stain remover on a corner of fabric first to see how it reacts. Treat spots from the back of the fabric. Place the spot downward on some paper towels so that the stain will come off the fabric instead of going through it. After treatment, regular laundering will usually remove the last traces of the stain.

Here are some special methods for treating the most common holiday-type stains.

Sponge fruit stains, including cranberries, immediately with cool water. Later soak in warm water

and enzyme pre-soak. Then launder. If possible, launder again using chlorine bleach.

For gravy or milk stains, work a paste of detergent and water into the stain. If a greasy stain remains after laundering, sponge with a dry-cleaning solvent. Soak coffee or tea stains in warm water and an enzyme pre-soak or oxygen bleach and launder.

For candle wax spots, scrape off as much wax as possible. Then place the stain between layers of paper towels and press with a warm iron. Next, place the stain face downward on paper towels and sponge the back with drycleaning solvent. Launder when dry.

For lipstick spots, rub undiluted liquid detergent into the stain until outline of stain is removed. If after laundering, stain remains, sponge with drycleaning solvent.

ABOUT HOMEMADE GIFT WRAP

Create your own gift wrap and give your gifts an extra personal touch this holiday season.

- For a seamstress' gift, sew fabric scraps together to design a patchwork wrapping and use a tape measure as a ribbon.

- Wrap a traveler's gift in a colorful road map.
- Use comic sections from

the Sunday paper to wrap gifts for children.

- The sports section of the newspaper can serve as gift wrap for an athlete.

- For an earthy look, try brown paper bags. Decorate with leaves, pine cones or dried plants or nuts.

- Plain construction paper, shelf paper or white freezerpaper can be decorated when used as wrapping paper.

- String pulling is a very ancient method of decorating paper. Dip about 24 inches of string in poster paint, lay it in swirls and loops on the paper. Lay another piece of paper over the cooled string and pull the string out in one continuous motion.

If you're the kind of person who really likes to get your hands into a project, dip the palm of your hand in poster paint and make handprints all over the plain paper.

- When you think you've mastered this, try making "bear tracks" by dipping just your palm in the poster paint. Make your palm print on the paper. Dip your fingers in the paint and print them just above your palm print.



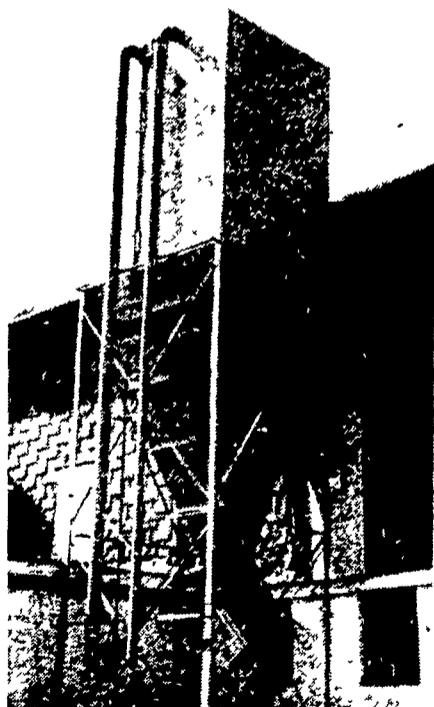
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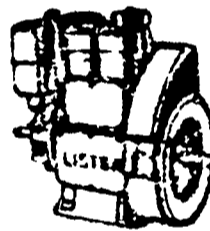
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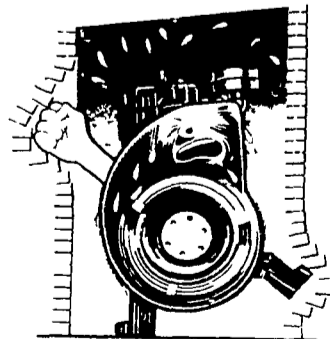
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