

A decorative border of colorful flowers in shades of orange, yellow, and green, arranged in a repeating pattern around the page.

Stain Removal Guide

Grass - Apply liquid detergent, or powder detergent mixed with water to make a paste, directly to the stain. Let it sit for at least 15 minutes. Wash the garment in hot water with a color safe bleach. If the stain is still there, let it air dry and repeat the process.

Blood – Scrape or rub off any dried blood. Gently rinse the garment in cold water while rubbing lightly. If this doesn't remove the stain, let it soak overnight before washing.

Tomato based stains – Apply liquid detergent, or powder detergent mixed with water to make a paste, directly to the stain. Let it sit for at least 15 minutes. Do not rub the garment. That can damage the fabric. Wash in warm or hot water.

Food grease or oil - Apply liquid detergent, or powder detergent mixed with water to make a paste, directly to the stain. Let it sit for at least 15 minutes. Wash the garment in hot water to dissolve the grease. You can also try Goo Gone.

Makeup – Place the garment, stain side down, on a paper towel. Apply liquid detergent, or powder detergent mixed with water, to the back of the stain. Wash in warm water. You can also use bleach if it's safe for the fabric.

Deodorant stains on shirts – Mix one part vinegar to one part water and apply directly to the stain. Let it sit over night and then wash as you normally would.

Sticker residue (or gum) – Apply Goo Gone and gently rub it into the garment. It may take a few minutes but the residue will come off. Once residue is gone, wash garment as you normally would.

Ink - Spray the ink stain from underneath with hairspray. Use a damp cloth and blot, or gently rub the ink. You may have to do this a couple of times. You can also try shaving cream. First put something between the layers of clothing so the ink stain doesn't bleed through when it gets wet. Then apply a small amount of shaving cream (any kind is fine) and gently rub the stain with your fingers or a damp cloth. Once the stain is out, wash as you normally would.