



PRODUCT TUTORIAL

Welcome to the **Retro Clean** tutorial for removing yellow and brown age stains from vintage textiles or any washable fabric that may have similar stains. Retro Clean is safe to use on all washable fabrics (including cottons, silks, wools, etc.). It removes stains related to water damage, mold, coffee, tea, blood, wood oil, tobacco, baby formula, and perspiration. In the following tutorial, Mindy will walk you through the entire process.

1. I found this vintage lace at an estate sale. It had brown age stains. When I unwound the lace from the cardboard the acids from the cardboard had caused the lace to turn brown and splotchy. If the items you are working with are colored, it is always wise to check that they are colorfast prior to immersing them in water.



2. Before using Retro Clean to remove the stains, I always begin by washing my items in Retro Wash laundry powder first, to wash out any surface dirt. Retro Wash is highly concentrated, 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water is perfect for hand washing in a basin.



If you choose to wash your items in the gentle cycle of your washing machine, use 1 tsp. for a small load and 1 tbsp. for a full load. It is safe to use in all HE machines. Retro Wash is gentle enough for your hand washables, yet strong enough for everyday laundry. It's a great hypo-allergenic, biodegradable alternative. Try it on your towels (no fabric softener needed) to enjoy added softness.

3. When hand washing in a basin, I wash the lace by pushing the solution through the fabric, rather than wringing or twisting, let it sit for just a few minutes, repeat, then rinse.

This will wash the dirt and grime out. You'll notice the brown age stains are still there. That's where the Retro Clean soak comes in.



4. Next, dissolve 3 to 4 tbsp. of Retro Clean per gallon of warm water. If I'm soaking larger items, such as a quilt, I mix it in a large plastic container.



5. Immerse your items in the Retro Clean solution, mixing up just enough to cover. You may leave it soaking indoors or outdoors.



6. It really works best when soaked outdoors in a sunny location. The sun helps keep the water warm, causing the activation process to speed up. If a sunny day is not available, a soak can be done successfully indoors, it may just take a little longer.



7. Keep your items immersed. If they have a tendency to pop up you can weight them down with a plate. Let them soak for 24-48 hours, checking on their progress periodically. There is no need to agitate.



8. When you see that the stains are removed, you can remove your items . Wash and rinse them once more, to remove any residue. Dry as you normally would and enjoy your restored piece!



Should you need any further assistance, please feel free to contact us at info@missmarplescraft.com.au