

HOUSEHOLD BLACK SOAP PASTE



REMOVING

Gardening tools

Put a dab of black soap paste on a brush and scrub the metal parts of the tools. Rinse with hot water and carefully pat dry all over with newspaper. Your tools will not only be clean, but better protected.

Fireplace

Start by using a vacuum cleaner to remove any soot. In a bowl of hot water, dilute 2 tablespoons of black soap paste and clean the stones or bricks using a brush soaked in the soapy water. For the fire grate, put a small amount of black soap on a ball of newspaper and rub energetically to bring the shine back, then finish cleaning with a sponge soaked in hot water before drying with a cloth.

POLISHING

Wood/leather

Put a dab of black soap paste on a slightly damp cloth then gently buff until the material is smooth and shiny again. Before applying the black soap, perform a test on a less visible part of the furniture, garment, bag or shoes to be polished.

REMOVING

Grease

Apply black soap to the grease stains and gently rub the soap in. Leave it to work for several minutes before machine or hand washing.

Oil/paint

Apply a dab of black soap paste to the stain on the underside of your linen before machine washing.

Odours and tough stains on a mattress

Cover the stains with black soap and white vinegar using a cloth and leave to work for several minutes. Dab with warm water to rinse and leave to dry.

CLEANING

Oven

In a slightly warm oven, apply your black soap paste on the areas that need cleaning then sprinkle over some bicarbonate of soda and leave to work for half a day. Scrub then rinse with plenty of hot water.

Cooker hood, oven and barbecue grills

Regularly clean your grills using a sponge soaked in a small amount of black soap. For particularly tough grease stains, soak the grill for several hours in a bowl of hot water diluted with two tablespoons of black soap then rinse thoroughly with hot water.



TRADITIONAL MARSEILLE SOAP



CLEANING

Walls, ceilings

Marseille soap is absolutely brilliant for washing and cleaning walls and ceilings. Dilute a handful of soap flakes in a bucket of hot water. Clean using a squeeze mop and then rinse with clean water.

Irons

The soleplate can become dirty or yellow, so clean it regularly by rubbing the surface with dry soap when the plate is slightly warm. Wipe with a soft, dry cloth or a rolled up sheet of newspaper to make the surface shine.

Mattresses

To keep your mattress clean and fresh, simply wipe any unclean surfaces with a washing mitt dampened with Marseille soap. After, wipe the surfaces with a mitt soaked in clean water then rinse and leave to dry for the whole day.

Prams and childcare equipment

Marseille soap is hypoallergenic making it ideal for cleaning baby accessories such as prams and pushchairs. Clean any removable covers in a washing machine with Marseille soap flake detergent. For covers that cannot be removed, wipe with a sponge soaked in soap. For smelly or tough stains, rub with soap and a small amount of bicarbonate of soda, leave to work for several hours until the stain disappears and then rinse. Dry thoroughly in the open air.

Shoes

Rub your shoes with a soft brush soaked in warm water and Marseille soap, and leave to dry in the open air without rinsing.

Make-up brushes and sponges

Washing your brushes and sponges regularly will prevent dust and dried make-up building up over time. Gently wash the brushes in soap without exerting too much pressure so you don't break the bristles. Keep washing until the water runs clear. Pat dry with a dry cloth, then put them head down so the brushes return to their original shape.



TRADITIONAL MARSEILLE SOAP



LAUNDRY

Traditional formula

Dilute a handful or 20g of flakes in 1l of hot water and stir until you obtain a gel which you can then use as a washing liquid. Store in a suitable bottle, and always shake well before use.

Recipe for stubborn stains

Dilute 100g of flakes in 2l of hot water, then add 1 cup of bicarbonate of soda and 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Leave to cool and shake well before use.

Tough stains

Rub dry stains, shirt collars and cuffs with wet soap before machine or hand washing. For tougher stains, do the same but leave to work for a few hours before washing.

POLISHING

Leather sofas

Coat a washing mitt or damp cloth in Marseille soap then wring out well then gently massage the leather in circular gestures. Dry with a clean cloth. This will leave your leather supple and durable.

Decking

Regularly clear away mould, dirt and pollution that has built up on your terrace over months by washing it with a broom and a handful of soap flakes diluted in a bowl of hot water. This simple and effective procedure will keep your decking in good condition for a long time.

CLEANING TIPS & TRICKS

Removing smears

To prevent smears on your mirrors, glasses or other glass surfaces, simply wipe a small amount of Marseille soap over then remove with a clean cloth. Repeat every month.

Remove hem lines

To remove hem marks, rub the surface with Marseille soap, cover with a sheet of tissue paper and go over with a hot iron.

Fix a stuck zipper

To deal with a stuck zipper, apply a small amount of Marseille soap and rub the teeth of the fastener.



HOUSEHOLD LIQUID BLACK SOAP



CLEANING

All washable surfaces

In 1l of hot water dilute 1 tablespoon of black liquid soap and 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda, then transfer the mixture to a spray bottle. Shake well before use.

Washing up

In a squeeze bottle, add 1/2 litre of hot water, 1/2 glass of liquid black soap, 1/2 glass of white vinegar, 1 tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda and give it a good shake. Your washing up liquid is ready to go.

Windows

To clean your windows, mix 1l of hot water and 1 teaspoon of liquid black soap. Clean using a sponge and a squeegee then dry with a soft or microfibre cloth.

Cars, motorbikes, bikes, wheel rims

Pour a cap of liquid black soap onto a sponge to clean all the interior, from the dashboard to the gear lever and the leather seats, and then rinse. For the bodywork, dilute 2 tablespoons of black soap in a bowl of hot water, rub with a sponge and then rinse well. Brush the wheel rims directly with undiluted black soap. To finish off the inside and outside, use a dry microfibre cloth to create the perfect sheen.

POLISHING

Silver, copper, stainless steel

In a large container dilute 4 tablespoons of liquid black soap in 5l of water. Leave the objects to soak for 5-10 minutes, drain then dry with a clean cloth until they are shiny as new.

Tiling, floor tiles, wooden parquet, lino

Liquid black soap is ideal for washing, cleaning, polishing and bringing shine to all type of washable floor surfaces.

Mix 2 tablespoons of black soap in 5l of hot water, clean with a mop or floor cloth then leave to dry without rinsing. To clean floor tiles, rub with undiluted black soap and do not rinse.

CARING

Plants

Black soap is ideal for cleaning plants to a brilliant sheen and removing traces left by insects such as aphids or cochineals. Simply dilute into a spray bottle 5 tablespoons of black soap in 1l of hot water. Leave to cool before using.

Pets and animals

Use black soap as a mild shampoo to create a shiny coat and act as an effective parasite treatment. Pour a small dose of black soap directly onto the animal, rub the soap in then rinse thoroughly.

