# ROUX MAISON STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE

(Print and hang by your washing machine for easy reference)



# **Acrylic Paint**

If the paint stain is fresh, treat it immediately with soap and water. Treat stain with **Roux Maison Stain Remover** before washing.

# **Baby Formula**

Treat stains before washing and storing. To treat set in stains, soak items in water and **Roux Maison Detergent**, before washing in hottest water possible.

#### **Barbecue Sauce**

Immediately scrape off excess sauce. Treat stain with Roux Maison Stain Remover. Flush with white vinegar if any color remains before washing.

#### Blood

Soak bloodstains in cold saltwater before treating. Pour Roux Maison Stain Remover on blood and rinse with cold water. If some blood remains, repeat. Blood can also be cleaned by soaking stain with hydrogen peroxide then washing.

# **Ballpoint Ink**

Gently rub glycerine into stain and let stand 15 to 20 minutes; wash with any Roux Maison Laundry Detergent. Another option is to generously spray the stain with hairspray and flush with

water before washing as usual.

Egg

Cover the area with salt and let

sit an hour before washing.

# Felt Tip Ink (Permanent Marker)

Begin by using cornstarch or talcum powder to

absorb grease; sprinkle cornstarch or talcum powder

over fresh chocolate stain. Wait 15 minutes, then

use a butter knife to gently scrape off. Follow with

Roux Maison Stain Remover, if necessary.

Chocolate

Saturate stain with denatured alcohol using an eyedropper; wash with any Roux Maison Detergent. Place the fabric on a paper towel, then saturate the stains with rubbing alcohol, using a cotton ball as a blotter. Change paper towels as necessary as it absorbs the color. Wash the garment in the hottest water possible for the fabric, adding bleach (color-safe for colored fabrics), then rinse in warm water.

Grease (butter, mayonnaise, oil)

# Coffee/Tea

To remove a fresh coffee or tea stain, immediately pour boiling water over the stain until it disappears. Or, using an eyedropper, flush with white vinegar. On old stains, apply **Roux Maison Stain Remover** and water. leave on for 15 minutes, then wash.

# Fruit (juices, jams, etc.)

Flush the stain with the hottest water possible then apply Roux Maison Stain Remover. Let stand for a few minutes and flush again with warm water. If the stain persists, try applying a little hydrogen peroxide before washing.

# Gasoline

Gasoline is an oil-based product, therefore, use another oil-based product, such as baby oil (which washes out of clothes,) to draw out the odor. Put some of the oil into the washer along with the clothes, let it agitate for a few minutes, then add Roux Maison Detergent and continue washing. Be sure not to use a dryer to dry these clothes, as it could cause a fire!

# **Deodorant**

Sponge on white vinegar (or soak stain in it); wait 30 minutes. Launder in the hottest water safe for the fabric. To prevent: Let deodorant dry before dressing. Wearing a cotton undershirt will help absorb perspiration. Most importantly, don't let stains sit...apply Roux Maison Stain Remover immediately. Every third or fourth wash, use the hottest water safe for the shirts.

# Grass

Dab the area with rubbing alcohol or diluted hydrogen peroxide before washing.

#### Jello/Kool Aid

Hold fabric taut and pour hot water through stain. Soak in Roux Maison Detergent and water before washing.

#### **Motor Grease**

To remove a black grease stain from clothing, try saturating the stain with rubbing alcohol, then blot with a clean white cloth. If the stain persists, apply Roux Maison Stain Remover and rub with a soft toothbrush.

Sprinkle a generous amount of cornstarch or talcum powder over the grease stain, allow it to sit for 10 to 15 minutes, then gently scrape the powder off. The powder absorbs the grease and it brushes off with the powder. Wash as usual.

# **Ketchup**

Immediately scrape off excess sauce. Treat stain with **Roux Maison Stain Remover**. Flush with white vinegar if any color remains before washing.

#### Lipstick

Gently rub petroleum jelly on stain to remove lipstick. Dab with white vinegar to remove color.

#### **Latex Paint**

Rubbing alcohol dissolves latex paint. Rub stain with an alcohol-soaked cotton swab, and wipe the paint away. Launder as usual using Roux Maison Laundry Detergent.

#### Mud

Let dry thoroughly and brush off as much as possible. Treat the stain with Roux Maison Stain Remover. If the spot persists, soak the item in a gallon of water to which you've added a cup of ammonia.

#### Gum

Place the item of clothing in a plastic bag and freeze for about an hour. Remove the clothing from the freezer and chip off the gum with a dull knife. If needed, use mineral spirits to remove any remaining redisue and launder as usual.

# Makeup

To remove makeup stains, treat with Roux Maison Stain Remover and launder as usual.

#### Mildew

Gently brush the item to remove loose mildew growth. Presoak in cold water. Gently rub hydrogen peroxide into the stain until it is gone. Wash in hot water with Roux Maison Laundry Detergent. If staining remains on items, repeat washing before drying. Dry thoroughly or hang in the sun; heat and sun tend to kill mildew.

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#### Mustard

To remove mustard stains, first rinse in cold water. Soak 12 hours in a gallon of water and Roux Maison Detergent.
Glycerin applied to the stains and allowed to sit for about an hour may remove stubborn mustard stains.

#### **Perfume**

To remove a perfume stain, sponge or soak the stain in cool water. If stain remains, soak 15 minutes in a solution of 1 quart lukewarm water and 1 tablespoon white vinegar. Apply Roux Maison Stain Remover and launder as usual.

#### White Wine

Rinse immediately and launder as usual.

# **Red Clay**

Allow the clay to dry thoroughly and brush off as much as possible. Soak the item in a gallon of water to which you've added a cup of ammonia.

#### **Shoe Polish**

Mix two parts water with one part rubbing alcohol for colored fabrics.

Use straight alcohol for white fabrics. Saturate a soft white cloth with the liquid and wet the shoe polish stain. Rub gently and lay the garment in the sun to dry. Repeat as needed.

### ???Mystery Stains???

For stains of an unknown origin, try following these steps: First, rinse the stain in cold water. Pretreat with Roux Maison Stain Remover, then rinse again. Wash the garment with Roux Maison Eco Detergent in water that is as hot as the manufacturer recommends. Air dry; if the stain remains, soak in cold water to which Roux Maison Detergent has been added for 1/2 hour. Apply Roux Maison Stain Remover and let it sit for 5 minutes before washing. Repeat all of the above if the stain persists.

#### Oil Based Paint

Mineral spirits should remove oil-based paint from most fabrics. Rub the stain with a clean white cloth dipped in mineral spirits until the paint is removed. Launder as usual. Do not use mineral spirits on delicate fabrics such as rayon or acetate.

#### Red Wine

If the stains are fresh, saturate them with club soda, then wash. Or, you can apply a mixture of **Roux Maison Laundry Detergent** and vinegar. This is safe on all washable fabrics.

#### Rust

Rust stains can be removed with lemon or with a mixture of salt and cream of tartar. To use lemon, lay your garment on a flat surface on top of a towel. Apply fresh or bottled lemon juice to stain and lay the garment in the sun to dry. Repeat the process if the stain remains. Launder when the stain is gone. Or, make a mixture of equal parts salt and cream of tartar. Spread the mixture onto the rust stain. Place the garment in the sun and allow it to dry. Repeat the process if the rust stain remains and launder when the stain is lifted.

#### Soy Sauce

Begin by spot treating with Roux Maison Laundry Detergent. If any color remains, use and eyedropper to saturate the stain with hydrogen peroxide.

# Spaghetti (Tomato) Sauce

Heat sets in spaghetti stains, so treat with **Roux Maison Stain Remover** and wash using cold water.

### Salad Dressing/Vinaigrette

Apply Roux Maison Stain Remover, then soak in cold water for up to 30 minutes or until the stain is removed, rubbing the stain lightly with your fingers periodically during soaking.

#### Stool

Apply **Roux Maison Stain Remover**. Soak the stain in a gallon of water and **Roux Maison Detergent**, then wash as usual in hottest water safe for fabric.

#### Wax

To remove wax from your clothing, first freeze the garment to harden wax then chip off as much of the surface wax as possible, using a dull-edged knife. Place several layers of paper towel over remaining wax, and apply a warm iron to draw wax into the paper towels. Replace the paper towels if they become saturated.

#### White Out/Correction Fluid

Using an eyedropper, apply paint thinner or isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol to stain.
(Be sure to test on the item in a non-visible area before using.)

# Zinc Oxide/Diaper Rash Ointment

Begin by scraping off as much of the ointment as possible with a dull knife. Then, pour some baking powder, cornstarch, or talcum powder on the spot. Give it time to absorb the grease; brush off the powder. Saturate the stain with Roux Maison Laundery Detergent or Roux Maison Stain Remover and wash as usual.

# APPAREL/TEXTILE CARE SYMBOLS



