

DIY Cleaning Solutions & Combos



Simple mixes made from things already under your sink. Spot-test first, label every bottle, and read the safety box before you mix anything.

Safety first. Never mix bleach with ammonia, vinegar or other acids, or rubbing alcohol. Do not combine vinegar and hydrogen peroxide in the same bottle. Vinegar can etch natural stone (granite, marble, travertine). Use mixes in a ventilated room, keep them away from kids and pets, and test on a hidden spot first.

Everyday mixes

Use	Mix	How
All-purpose spray	2 cups warm water + 1 tsp dish soap	Spray, wipe, follow with a damp cloth. Safe for most sealed surfaces.
Glass & mirrors	1 part white vinegar + 1 part water	Spray and wipe with a microfiber cloth. Not for stone.
Tub & shower soap scum	Warm white vinegar + dish soap, about 1:1	Spray, let sit 15–30 minutes, scrub and rinse well. Not for stone.
Scrubbing paste	Baking soda + a little water	For sinks, stovetops and oven doors. Let sit, scrub gently, rinse.
Grout brightener	Baking soda + 3% hydrogen peroxide paste	Apply, wait 10 minutes, scrub with an old toothbrush, rinse.
Streak-free stainless	Rubbing alcohol on a cloth	Wipe with the grain. Buff with a drop of mineral oil for shine.

Clever combos

Trick	How it works
Shaving cream on carpet spots	Foam it on a fresh spot, let it sit a few minutes, blot with a damp white cloth. Spot-test first.
Shaving cream anti-fog mirror	Rub a thin layer on a dry mirror, then buff it off completely. It helps keep fog away after showers.
Steam-clean the microwave	Microwave a bowl of water with a lemon slice or a splash of vinegar for 3 minutes, wait 2, then wipe.
Fresh garbage disposal	Grind a handful of ice and a spoon of coarse salt, then a few citrus peels.
Dryer sheet on baseboards	Wipe baseboards with a used dryer sheet to pick up dust.
Lint roller for lampshades	Roll fabric shades and upholstered edges to lift dust and hair.
Baking soda + vinegar drain refresh	Pour baking soda, then vinegar, wait 15 minutes, flush with hot water. For upkeep, not for real clogs.

Keep your kit simple

- Microfiber cloths (color-code: kitchen, bath, glass)
- Spray bottles with labels

- Soft scrub brush and old toothbrush
- Squeegee for glass
- Rubber gloves

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