Spot removal guide[†]

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Nature of stain	Treatment Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Alcohol and liqueur	Cold water	Laundry detergent[††]	Surgical alcohol
Beer	Warm water		
Blood	Cold water	Laundry detergent[††]	5% ammonia in warm water
Butter, oil, gravy and sauces	Dry cleaning fluid	Carpet shampoo	5% ammonia in warm water
Candlewax, paraffin	Absorbent paper towel and a hot iron	Dry cleaning fluid	
Chewing gum	Eucalyptus oil		
Chocolate, caramel, sweets	Warm water	5% ammonia in warm water	
Coffee, tea	Cold water	Carpet shampoo	Surgical alcohol
Cosmetics	White spirits	Carpet shampoo	5% ammonia in warm water
Egg	5% ammonia in warm water	Carpet shampoo	
Fruit juice, food, jams, syrups	Warm water	Carpet shampoo	
Furniture polish, floor polish	White spirits	Carpet shampoo	5% ammonia in warm water
Glue, stain, varnish	White spirits	Warm water	Carpet shampoo
Grass, vegetables	Surgical alcohol		
Ink, carbon	30% meths	Carpet shampoo	
Lemonade	50% vinegar	Carpet shampoo	
Mercurochrome	30% meths		
Milk, yoghurt, drinking chocolate	Warm water	Carpet shampoo	5% ammonia in warm water
Mildew	5% ammonia in warm water		
Mustard, mayonnaise, tomato sauce	Carpet shampoo	10% ammonia in warm water	
Nail polish	Acetone, or nail polish remover	Dry cleaning fluid	
Paint, oil based	White spirits	Carpet shampoo	
Paint, water based (latex)	Cold water	Carpet shampoo	
Rust	3% potassium oxalate		
Tar, thick grease, fuel oil	Dry cleaning powder	White spirits	Carpet shampoo
Vomit, urine, faeces	50% vinegar	White spirits	Carpet shampoo
Wax, wax polish	White spirits	Carpet shampoo	5% ammonia in warm water
Wine	50% vinegar	Carpet shampoo	

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[††] 1 tsp of liquid or powder laundry detergent containing no bleach to 1 cup of warm water.