DIY Cleaning products

1. Cleaning paste for bathrooms, toilets and kitchen

1c baking soda 1 T cream of tartar 10ml liquid castile soap 3ml water 1ml peppermint (or other) essential oil

Mix baking soda and tartar in a bowl.

In a jug mix castile soap and water. Slowly add it to the powders and mix with a fork until you have a paste. Add more water if necessary. Add essential oil and stir to combine.

2. Laundry powder

1c washing soda 1c baking soda 60ml liquid castile soap 2ml essential oil of your choice

Process washing soda in a food processor. Slowly drizzle in soap. Then add baking soda and essential oil and continue to process until you have something resembling white clay. Use 1 T for an average load.

3. Liquid handwash

250ml boiling water 2 T sunlight soap – grated 2 t glycerine 10 drops essential oil

Add grated soap to boiling water, stir and let dissolve.

Stir in glycerine and essential oil.

Pour into soap dispenser and bottle while still warm.

4. Window cleaner

½ c white vinegar ½ c water I pinch cornstarch

Mix in a bottle, shake well before use.

5. Dusting cloths

5 tsp olive oil20 drops essential oil1 c hot waterOld t shirts, cut into squares

Mix oil and essential oil. Add hot water, mix well. Swish cloths in water mixture, sueezw out, hang dry. Hand rinse used cloths and line dry only.

6. Lemon cleaner

Citrus peels White vinegar

Save and fill a jar with citrus peels.

Cover with vinegar and leave for 2-3 weeks.

Strain peel. Dilute citrus vinegar 1:1 with water and use as a spray.

7. All-purpose spray

34 T liquid castile soap 10 drops essential oil 1c water

Mix in a spray bottle, shake well before use.

8. Wood furniture spray

2 T olive oil

3 drops essential oil

4 T white vinegar

Mix in spray bottle, shake well before use.

9. Oven Cleaner

1 c baking soda

1 c washing soda

Mix sodas together and sprinkle the bottom of the oven to cover. Spray with water until very damp. Keep moist and leave overnight. Scoop it up and rinse.

Another good method is:

Sprinkle baking soda on the bottom of the oven / on the grime. Spray with white vinegar until bubbly and damp. Leave for a few hours or overnight. Scoop up and rinse.

10. Toilet bowl cleaner

1 c baking soda

1 c white vinegar

Throw baking soda, then vinegar into the bowl and watch it bubbling. Leave for 10 minutes, then brush and flush.

For stains: Put 1 c borax into the toilet bowl. Leave overnight. In the morning brush and flush.