

Expert Stain-Removal Secrets

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Valentine's Day has come and gone, but the chocolate and wine stains on your V-day outfit look like they are here to stay. With these stain removal solutions you are able to eliminate even the toughest imperfections from your wardrobe.



Deena Drummond, the CEO and Founder of Roux Maison, shared her exclusive, how-to tips with us to combat those pesky Valentine's Day stains from your favorite dress or blouse. From a young age, Drummond was certain that she would attain a successful career as a lawyer, but her plans took a new turn when she realized her favorite clothes were getting ruined in the wash. After much research and labor, Drummond debuted her exclusive line of eco-friendly laundry products under the label of Roux Maison.



Chocolate

What you need:

Cornstarch or talcum powder

Dull butter knife

Begin by removing any excess chocolate that is still on the clothing. Sprinkle the talcum powder or cornstarch on the stain and let it sit for a minimum 15 minutes. This should absorb most of the chocolate so that you can gently scrape off the rest with a dull butter knife.



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Wines

What you need:

Club soda

Water

Toothbrush

For both red and white wines, the first plan of action should always be stopping the stain from spreading. Dab up the stain with a clean cloth or paper towel. For white wine, applying club soda usually does the trick, often eliminating all residues. Red wine stains may need a little more extra attention and added water. Use a toothbrush to apply a stain remover like Roux Maison Stain Remover and let it soak in for a few minutes. You should notice a huge improvement, if not complete stain removal.



Lipstick

What you need:

Petroleum jelly

White vinegar

Cool water

Start by dabbing the problem area with a little petroleum jelly, this should take most of the stain out. Next, apply some white vinegar to take out any remaining color. Rinse with cool water and launder as usual.



Candles

What you need:

Ice cubes

Paper towels

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Iron

Dull butter knife

If candle wax finds its way onto your clothes, try to harden the problem area by freezing the garment or rubbing the stain with an ice cube until the wax hardens. You can use a dull butter knife to scrape and crack off as much wax as possible. Next, place multiple layers of paper towel on the stain and use a warm iron to pull as much of the remaining wax as possible onto the towels and off of your garment.



Lingerie

Always try to remember to fasten any hooks on your lingerie and bras prior to laundering. For delicate and fragile items, it's always safest to hand wash them. When laundering your machine-washables, try to always put them in a mesh lingerie bag with all hooks fastened. When drying your garments, avoid putting them in the dryer, lay them flat to dry. This practice will help extend the life of your lingerie.

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