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How to CHATELAINE HOME

6 | FOR FRUIT JUICE: SPONGE IT

Soap and water will set the stain and make it harder to remove, says Vaillancourt. Instead, gently sponge fresh stains with cool water and then soak the item in cold water for 30 minutes or longer. Stubborn stains may need to be soaked overnight. After soaking, rub undiluted liquid detergent into the stain, then rinse until the water runs clear. Repeat soaking and rubbing with detergent until the evidence of a spill has disappeared. ■

YOU TOLD US

What's your homemade stain remover?



Nicole Cairns

People always laugh when I tell them this one, but it's milk – yes, milk. If you spill wine or grape juice on the carpet, pour milk onto the stain, then cover with a thick towel and place a heavy object on top. The milk removes the stain and soaks it into the towel. I swear, it really does work.

Stain-fighting ammo by Lauren Frost

HAND POWER

- 1 Hoover's Spot & Stain Wipes are a good fix for everyday spills. Plus, their FiberCoat protector helps prevent new stains from setting in. \$10 (30 wipes).
- 2 Eco Mist's Carpet/Upholstery Stain Remover is an eco-friendly cleaning solution made from natural ingredients such as non-chlorinated water, corn, tree sap, coconut extract and sugar cane. \$6 (650 mL).
- 3 Protect your carpet from future spills with ScotchGuard Carpet & Rug Protector. \$10 (450 mL).



MORE POWER

- 4 Dirt Devil's Purpose for Pets Portable Extractor is a spot cleaner with an integrated black-light LED that illuminates pesky pet accidents, which might otherwise be hard to target. \$119.
- 5 Bissell's SpotBot Deep Cleaner is hands-free for nasty stains; hit the start button and walk away. \$169.



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