

8 *Simple* DIY FLOOR CLEANERS

HARDWOOD FLOOR CLEANER

1/2 cup white distilled vinegar
1 gallon warm water
2-3 drops essential oils – lemon and clove is a great combo

Mix ingredients in a large bucket or container. Mop with a barely damp mop and bucket or by hand with microfiber towels. Rinse often and change the solution as needed. Make sure your hardwood floors are sealed and make sure that you never let water sit on the floors. Test in an inconspicuous spot first.

HARDWOOD FLOOR CLEANER (REFILLABLE MOP)

3 teaspoons white vinegar
16 ounces warm water
1-2 drops essential oils – I love one drop each lemon and clove

Pour ingredients in refillable mop. Dampen the mop pad with warm water, spray and mop solution. Be careful to not overspray and wipe solution as soon as possible.

LAMINATE FLOOR CLEANER

5 ounces white vinegar
5 ounce rubbing alcohol
5 ounces water

Add several drops of peppermint essential oil for a invigorating and fresh scent. Mix the three ingredients with 3-5 drops of essential oil to fill an average size spray bottle or to pour into a refillable mop.

CITRUS TILE FLOOR CLEANER

1/4 cup Borax
1 gallon hot water
5 drops lemon essential oil
5 drops orange essential oil

Mix all ingredients in mop bucket until full dissolved. Mop floors as usual. No rinsing required!

TILE AND GROUT DEEP CLEANER

cream of tartar
water

Mix up a paste using these two ingredients that is the consistency of runny toothpaste. Using an old toothbrush or a thin grout brush, dip the brush in and scrub. Wipe away residue and wash floor after if needed.

CITRUS CARPET FRESHENER

2 cups baking soda
10 drops lemon essential oil
10 drops orange or grapefruit essential oil

Add baking soda to a glass jar or container and scent with essential oils. Stir to combine. To use, sprinkle on carpet or rug. Let sit for 10 minutes and then vacuum thoroughly. Store remaining freshener in a cool, dark place and use as needed.

CARPET STAIN REMOVER

4 cups warm water, divided
1/2 teaspoon clear castile soap or dish soap

Mix a solution of 2 cups warm water and 1/2 teaspoon clear dish soap. Keep a container with 2 cups of warm water for rinsing handy. Soak a clean rag or paper towel in the mixture, wring and gently blot the stain. Use a clean rag soaked in warm water to remove the residue. Alternate the soap solution with fresh water until the stain is gone.

BASEBOARD AND DOOR CLEANER

1/2 cup Borax
1 gallon warm water

Dissolve Borax in warm water, stirring to combine. Dip a microfiber cloth or sponge in solution. Wring out excess water and wipe baseboards or doors to clean. No rinsing is required.