

# how to get it out

SUBSTANCE	TIMING	WASHABLE FABRICS	NONWASHABLE FABRICS
<b>CHOCOLATE</b>	ASAP. If impossible, blot with clean, dry cloth. Cover with damp cloth to await treatment.	Start with a combination solvent for grease. Rinse thoroughly. If the stain remains, follow up with a digestant for protein.	Start with an oil solvent for grease; rinse gently. Dab remaining stain with vinegar until gone. Dab with cool water.
<b>COFFEE</b>	See Chocolate.	Flush spot with white vinegar till color is gone. If coffee contains sugar, follow up by flushing with water; if it contains milk, follow up with combination solvent.	Dab with white vinegar till color is gone. If coffee contains sugar, follow up by flushing with water; if it contains milk, follow up with an oil solvent. Dab with water to rinse thoroughly.
<b>CRANBERRY SAUCE</b> and other berry sauces	See Chocolate.	Dab with denatured alcohol. Flush with white vinegar to remove remaining color, then dab with dish detergent to remove residue.	Treat as you would washables, but use water sparingly. Even if stain can't be seen, mark with low-tack tape, and point it out to dry cleaner, since any sugars that remain can caramelize when dry-cleaned.
<b>GRAVY</b>	See Chocolate.	Use a combination solvent for the grease, then flush with white vinegar until color is gone.	Use an oil solvent for the grease, then dab remaining stain with white vinegar until it disappears. Dab with cool water.
<b>GREASE</b> including butter	ASAP. If impossible, blot with clean, dry cloth, and cover with weighted dry cloth to await treatment.	Cover with an absorbent to draw out stain. Dab with a combination solvent, and flush thoroughly with water. If necessary, follow by flushing with mineral spirits or oil solvent.	Dab with an oil solvent, then flush thoroughly with water. Follow with a flush of mineral spirits or denatured alcohol if necessary.
<b>SAP</b>	Can treat right away or when it has hardened.	Dab with mineral spirits or oil solvent; let air dry. Rub with laundry detergent before laundering.	Dab with mineral spirits or oil solvent; let air dry. Rub gently with laundry detergent, then flush gently with water to rinse.
<b>TEA</b>	See Chocolate.	Flush spot with lemon juice to remove color, then diluted bleach if necessary. If tea contains sugar, follow up with flush of water; if it contains milk, follow up with combination solvent.	Dab with lemon juice to remove. If tea contains sugar, follow up by flushing with water. If it contains milk, follow up with an oil solvent.
<b>WAX</b>	Can treat right away or when hardened.	Let the wax harden, or freeze it by running an ice cube over it. Scrape off as much as possible. Iron on low setting with several layers of paper towels placed over and beneath the stain. Use an oil solvent or mineral spirits to remove any residue.	Treat as you would washables.
<b>WINE, RED</b>	See Chocolate.	On delicate cloth, soak spot with denatured alcohol. Flush with white vinegar to remove residual stain. On sturdy fabrics, coat stain with salt; leave for 5 minutes to absorb wine. Stretch stained area over heat-proof bowl; secure with rubber band. Place in sink; carefully pour boiling water over stain from a height of at least a foot.	Dab spot with denatured alcohol. To remove remaining color, dab with white vinegar, and then dab with cool water to rinse.
<b>WINE, WHITE</b>	See Chocolate.	Flush with cool water.	Dab with cool water. Point out spots to dry cleaner, since any wine sugars that remain can caramelize when dry-cleaned. ●

