

PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO REMOVE MEDICINE STAINS (68)

Many medicine stains can be very difficult to remove. There are proper steps that you can take which can bring successful results. You may have to search for certain chemicals at photography suppliers, chemical suppliers or pharmacies. The effort that you make is well worth it because the results are successful. The following methods are procedures that I have been teaching to professional cleaners for 35 years.

- (1) Iodine-Iodine stains usually appear as a reddish brown stain on unstarved fabrics and deep blue or blue-black on starched fabrics. It also should be noted that the alcohol present may damage or remove dye from the fabric.**

Preparation-

Old towel or cloth

Sodium thiosulphate or hypo-crystals-This can be purchased in a photography or chemical store.

Procedure-

Place absorbent towel under stain. Dab and rub stain with towel dampened with water. Put a spoonful of thiosulphate in a cloth (use like a sack). Dampen the cloth and dab stain. After stain is removed rinse area with water or wash.

- (2) Potassium Permanganate-This is a strong oxidizing agent used for athletes foot and fungal infections. It usually leaves a brown discoloration on garments. It will also most likely remove color on dyed fabrics.**

Preparation-

Old towel or cloth

Clear cool water

Hydrogen peroxide (3%)

White distilled vinegar

Procedure-

Place absorbent towel under stain. Dab and rub stain with towel dampened with water. Add a few drops of hydrogen peroxide and then add a few drops of vinegar. Repeat procedure if necessary. Flush with water or wash garment.

- (3) Gentian Violet-Stains are bright purple in color. It is used as an antiseptic for trench mouth and athlete's foot. Gentian Violet contains some oil.**

Preparation-

Glass

Spoon

Towel or Cloth

Water

Mild Detergent (Tide)

Vaseline

White Distilled Vinegar
Household Ammonia
Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)
Clorox Stick

Procedure-

Place the stain on a towel. Place Vaseline on stained area and rub with spoon. Blot up area with a damp towel. Apply Tide mixed with a little water and rub Area. Dab with a towel damp with water. Apply detergent, water and a little Vinegar. Rub with a towel damp with water. Apply hydrogen peroxide. Apply a Little ammonia. Dab with a damp towel. Apply Clorox Stick. Dab with a damp Towel. Apply vinegar. Rewash garment. Caution-Hydrogen peroxide, ammonia And Clorox Stick must be carefully tested on an unexposed seam as they can Remove color.