

tip talk

organizing, cleaning, recycling & more



5 things to do with... aluminum foil

- 1 IRON QUICKLY** Place a sheet of foil between the ironing board and cover to iron both sides at once. Foil conducts heat, so you'll be done in half the time.
- 2 TIE THINGS UP** Need to tie the legs on your roaster or veggies you don't want to fall apart in the oven? A thin strip of foil is the perfect solution.
- 3 SCRUB BURNT POTS** If you've run out of steel wool and have a pot with stubborn stains, ball up a piece of foil—it works just as well.
- 4 PROTECT KNOBS FROM GRIMY FINGERS** Kids getting messy with paints or dough? Wrap foil over sink handles and doorknobs to avoid fingerprints.
- 5 PREVENT YUCKY SOUP SKIN** Cut a piece of foil the size of the container and rest it directly on the surface of the soup or stew. Cover and store.

UH-OH! QUICK FIX

Need to hang a picture, but not quite sure where the wall stud is? Studs are usually 16 to 24 inches apart, and you can find one by grabbing an electric razor, turning it on, and moving it horizontally against the wall. When the buzzing gets quieter, you're over a stud. When it gets louder again, you've passed it. You want to place your nail in the middle of the stud.

shopping never came so cheap

Psst! Now's the time to hit the clearance racks for the best winter clothing deals of the year. Department stores need to turn over large stocks of winter items in the next four weeks to make room for summer clothes, which means one thing: markdowns. "A sweater or pair of winter pants that are \$80 in season could be \$30 going into the spring," says Linda Carlo, a retired clothing chain executive. "The sales vary from 20 to 80% off." So stock up on clothes for the whole family for next year—winter will be here before you know it.

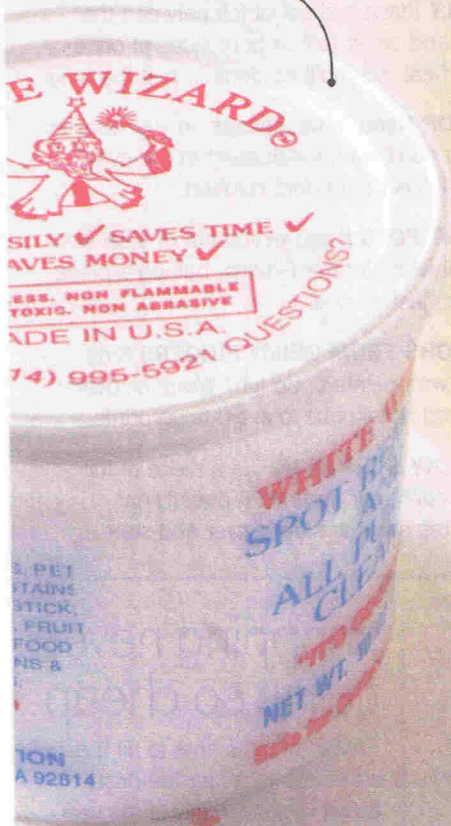


gotta have it!

On a recent vacation abroad I fell in love with an item I saw on every kitchen counter: an electric kettle, which boils 2 cups of water in under 2 minutes. I bought one the day I returned, and I use it for coffee, tea, oatmeal, and to speed up boiling water for pasta. Best part? You can turn it on and walk away—it shuts off after boiling. Aroma 1.5L X-Press Stainless Steel Water Kettle; \$30 at Target.

solutions

stain
remover



light-duty
liquid detergent

take 5 minutes

Stubborn lipstick stain? Put the item facedown on a paper towel, sponge with a prewash stain remover (replacing the towel as needed) and rinse when the stain's gone. Then clean the outline with a light-duty liquid detergent and launder. Presto!

paper
towel

