

## How to Remove Red Wine Stains

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### Introduction

Oh No! You spilled your favorite red wine all over that expensive fabric. As a red wine drinker, removing stains from multiple cloths may become a challenging task. Materials such as silk, satin, polyester, cotton, and more may be damaged and deemed useless if attempted wine removal is done improperly. This instructional manual will utilize proper removal instructions as well as modified instructions for various fabrics. Now you can enjoy your red wine without all the stress.

### Warning

Improper product use on certain fabrics can permanently destroy fabrics.



**Note:** Recognize the type of fabric that was stained. Once noted, go to the section that best reflects your needs. With a red wine stain, it is vital to gently blot the area as much as you can with a clean cloth or paper towel. Make sure not to rub the stain as it may cause the stain to become worse. Gentle blotting will help limit the amount of product usage.

### **Necessary Tools**

- Baking Soda
- Bleach
- Clean cloth/ Paper Towel
- Club Soda
- Dish Washing Soap
- Hot Water
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Large bowl
- Salt
- Small bowl
- Talcum Powder
- Vacuum
- White Toothpaste
- White Vinegar



### **For Carpet and Cushion Use**

**Step 1:** After blotting with clean cloth or paper towel, use as much salt as needed to cover the stain completely creating a layer.

**Step 2:** Allow the salt to dry out stain. This should take a few minutes.

**Step 3:** Vacuum entire area and the stain should be gone.

**Note:** Repeat as needed until stain is gone. Vacuum power can affect the process.



### **For Light Colored Clothing Use**

**Step 1:** After blotting with clean cloth or paper towel, equally mix a half a cup of soap and a half a cup of hydrogen peroxide in a small bowl.

**Step 2:** In a large bowl, place clothing inside and completely cover stain by pouring the mix on the stain.

**Step 3:** Leave to soak for 5-7 minutes.

**Step 4:** Remove from bowl and place item in the washing machine. Wash normally in cold rinse with like colors and air dry.



Note: This technique is best used on light clothing due to the nature of hydrogen peroxide because bleaching may occur. Can also be used for white clothing.

### **For White Clothing Use**

**Step 1:** After blotting the stain with a clean cloth or paper towel, mix a cup of bleach with a cup of hot water in a small bowl.

**Step 2:** Place clothing in a large bowl and pour mixture over the stain.

**Step 3:** Soak item for 5-10 minutes depending on the stain.



**Step 4:** Remove clothing from bowl and place item in the washing machine. Wash clothes normally with like colors, cold rinse, and air dry.



Note: Warm water will cause the stain set in. Make sure that water is boiling hot. This method should not be used on delicate pieces as it may damage the fabric.



### **For Dark Clothing Use**

**Step 1:** After blotting the stain with a clean cloth or paper towel, equally mix a half a cup of soap and a half cup of white vinegar in a small bowl.

**Step 2:** In the larger bowl, place clothing and pour the mix on the stain.

**Step 3:** Leave to soak for 5 minutes.

**Step 4:** Remove from bowl and place clothing in a machine wash

normally in a cold rinse with like colors. Air dry when finished.

Note: Repeat steps as needed if stain is not completely gone.



### **Alternative For All Clothing Use**

**Step 1:** Blot fabric using a clean cloth or paper towel.

Step 2: Using a different clean cloth or paper towel, soaked with club soda.

Step 3: Blot stain with club soda.

**Step 4:** In a large bowl, completely cover the stain with as much baking soda, salt or talcum powder needed to create a thin layer.

Step 5: Allow baking soda, salt or talcum powder it to set for 5-7 minutes.

**Step 6:** Remove clothing from the bowl, place in washing machine with like colors.

Wash normally with a cold rinse and air dry.

Note: Repeat as needed.

**Tips:** Do not allow clothing to be dried in a dryer. Air dry to see if the stain is noticeable. If the stain is still visible, repeat the steps. If none of the items are available, toothpaste can be used as an alternative in the steps to remove the stain. Be cautious some fabrics may be damaged.

**Warnings:** Do not use steps on items for dry-cleaning only. Take to dry cleaners as soon as possible.

*Red wine drinkers, you may now drink as much wine without the anxiety of ruining cushions, pillows or clothing.*



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**TO:** Dr. Ferdinand  
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The assignment was to create an instructional manual. I followed rules provided by the textbook to ensure the quality of my work was up to par with requirements.

During the process of creating an instructional manual, I encountered multiple issues when deciding on a topic. My initial choices were not interesting enough to be conveyed into a manual. Other topics were also too simple to comply with the needs of the assignment. Brainstorming other ideas led to deciding on creating a manual for the removal of red wine stains.

I have had my share of spilling liquids onto clothing or on carpets due to my clumsiness. In general, red wine was the most difficult to remove. My mother taught me how household items can be used to remove stains. However, I lacked the knowledge of other techniques. From my research, most tips and trick were from those who are caretakers and parents who learned from experience. I chose this topic to help others understand that red wine is not the end of clothing, rugs or furniture life. The research also used items often found in homes to provide a nice clean. These vital tricks will save money on expensive products and/or new replacement items.

The manual contains a mixture of two red wine removal articles and my personal tips. The visuals were found from google images. Each written source and image has also been cited.

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