

Smart ideas to Make life easier

Your great idea

To take the labels off containers like milk bottles and cans to use for crafts or storage, I use a hairdryer. It melts the adhesive just enough to peel them off cleanly!

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● Save your china!

You can protect a delicate cup from cracking when you pour in hot coffee or tea by placing a spoon inside first to absorb some of the heat!

● Healthier chicken!

Remove the skin from chicken pieces more easily by partially freezing them—about a half-hour should do it!



● Spring-cleaning tip

Use a damp sponge instead of a dry cloth to clean ceiling fans and the dust won't fly all over the room!

● Don't waste chocolate!

To get the last of the melted chocolate for cakes, cookies and brownies out of a pot, stir in a little of the flour from the recipe. It will scoop right out!

● Knitting trick

Want to knit faster? Simply spray a little furniture polish onto your knitting needles to make the yarn slide faster!

● No more greasy mess!

Stop bacon from splattering all over your stove by punching several holes in an aluminum pie pan and placing it upside-down over the skillet—it will let steam out and keep grease in!

● Easy sports storage!

Keep extra golf balls from rolling around by storing them in empty egg cartons!

● Speedier defrosting

Defrost your freezer faster by placing a few containers of hot water on the shelves!



● Hard-water fix

Are mineral deposits from hard water clogging your coffeepot? Run it (without coffee) using water and 1/4 cup vinegar, then run it again with plain water—it will work like new!

● Get ready to garden!

Get a new compost pile going by adding a scoop of compost from your old pile—the micro-organisms already thriving there are what you need to begin breaking down the new one!

—Jacqueline L. Ross



● Clean up your cabinets!

Who would have thought organizing your medicine cabinet could be so easy? This special tray is made to hold tubes of all sizes, plus other essentials like tweezers and lip balm. \$9.95. To order, visit www.thetidytray.com.



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