

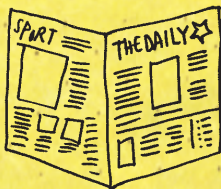


dyson's
little book of
CLEANING
TIPS

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Soda Water

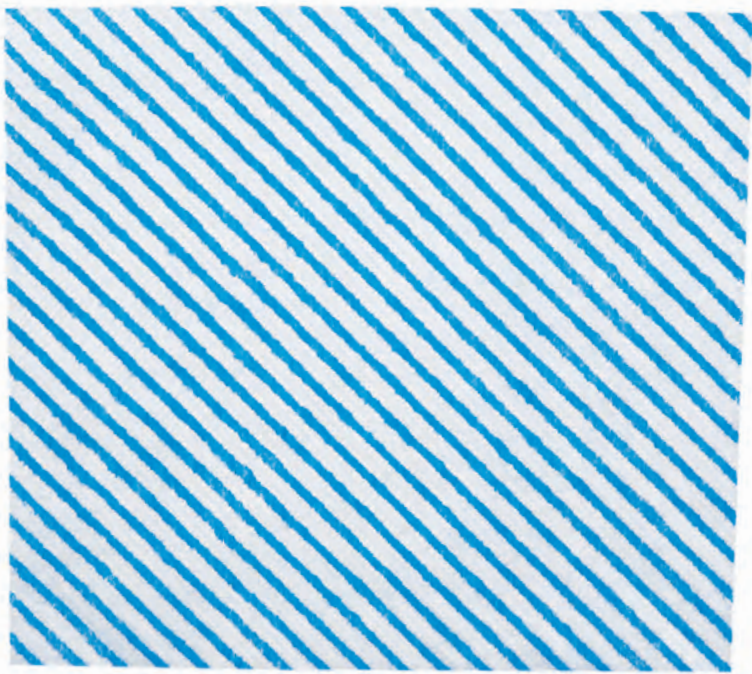


This little book of cleaning tips

gives quick and helpful suggestions to make stains, dirt and dust disappear by using everyday things.

The team at Dyson.

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Alloy etiquette

A set of shiny alloy wheels are as important as polishing your Sunday best brogues. It's really just a case of cleaning with soap and water, but the trick to getting into all those awkward cavities is, well, an old toothbrush. Tougher than a cloth and more sensitive than wire wool, a toothbrush will give your wheels an all over gleam without damaging the finish or your street cred.

Bed-bugs-bite

While you lie in bed 'snug as a bug' you're closer to the truth than you might think. Warm, humid conditions make the perfect breeding ground for dust mites and as you shed skin-cells on your bedclothes you're providing lots of food for the little critters. Vacuum your mattress regularly - use a mattress tool for maximum effect to get rid of those nasty mites.

Bin monsters

Bins are a magnet for bacteria. Dirty hands and waste food transfer germ monsters onto the lid and rim. Wipe the lid regularly, use lining bags and disinfect weekly to make sure your bin doesn't become a health hazard.

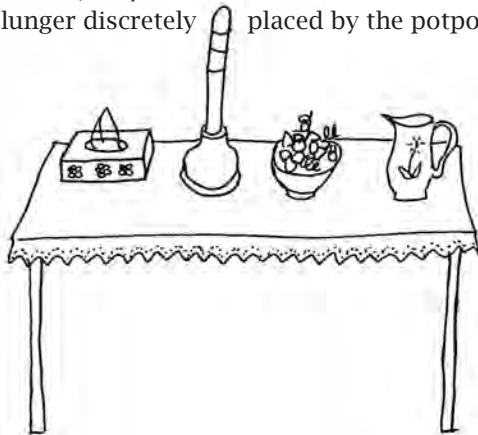


Bloody mess

Avoid hot soapy water as you may risk making the stain permanent. Instead, run cold or lukewarm water through the affected area and then allow the fabric to soak for several hours before washing as usual. If you are on a football pitch and do not have access to cold running water you can also try spitting on it. The saliva will break it down, but only try this if it's a small stain.

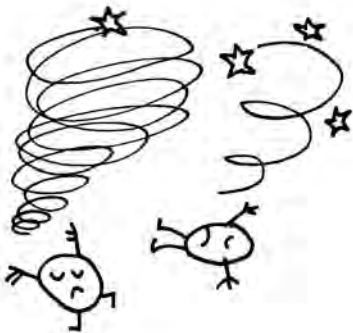
Bunged loo

Particularly embarrassing if it's not your own loo. But don't panic; try pouring a litre or so of water into the loo while flushing. This should push the blockage through the system. However, if it's more stubborn, you may need to use a plunger to create a suction seal around the exit. Of course, only the most considerate hosts have a plunger discretely placed by the potpourri.



Carpet crawlies

Carpets are the perfect hiding place for dustmites, where they cling deeply in the fibres. Vacuum at least once a week to reduce the number of dust mites and to remove their food source.



Cleanest carpets

Not all floor tools are designed for all floor types. For an excellent clean on carpets look for a floor tool that has a rotating brush bar. The bristles agitate the carpet to release more embedded dirt and dust.

Car care

Keep the interior of your car looking new with Dyson's car cleaning kit. The flexi crevice tool bends and flexes to get into those hard to reach areas, like between seats and in door pockets. Muddy boots won't be a problem, loosen dried-in mud with the stiff bristles of the stubborn dirt brush. The mini turbine head's rotating brush bar will whip away notoriously stubborn pet hairs and fibres from upholstery. For quick spot cleans, a Dyson handheld with tool kit is ideal.



Cat'choo

While your cat is meticulously licking its fur to clean and groom itself, it is actually transferring allergens from its saliva into your house. These can cause itchy noses, runny eyes and even asthma, so vacuum regularly to say goodbye to sneezes - bless you.

Charcoal

Sounds unlikely, but charcoal can actually keep your clothes clean and fresh. Place a charcoal briquette in each corner of your wardrobe to absorb moisture and prevent smells. Mildew won't stand a chance.



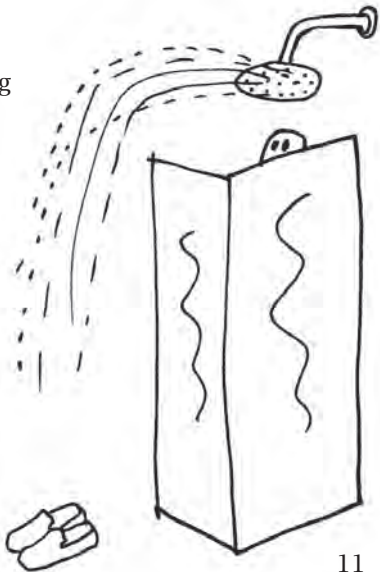
Chisel a pan

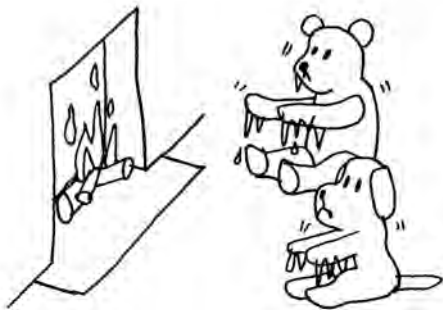
If last night's dinner is still welded to the bottom of the pan, add one tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda and one cup of boiling water to it, leave to work its magic and your pan will look like new.



Clogged showerhead

Ever experienced a shower spraying water in every direction apart from on you? This can be caused by a build-up of limescale clogging the holes of the showerhead. A simple solution is to soak the showerhead in white wine vinegar overnight, give it a good rinse and enjoy your shower without worrying about flooding your bathroom.





Cuddly toys

Stuffed toys are a favourite hiding place for dustmites. Once a month place them in a plastic bag and put in the freezer for 12 hours. Dust mites hate the cold. Then leave toys to thaw naturally, this will kill adult dust mites and stop them breeding.

Curtain and blind care

Curtains and blinds harbour dust and pollen, so clean them regularly using Dyson's upholstery tool or soft dusting brush attached to the wand of your vacuum cleaner.

Dashboard details

For detailed cleaning on the dashboard, Dyson's soft dusting brush gets into all the grooves and is a great way to dust the interior trim, air vents, buttons, switches and all around the steering column.

Dented ego

Rearranging furniture can uncover unsightly dents in the carpet. To return the pile to normal put an ice cube onto the dent and let it melt naturally. Leave to dry. As your carpet absorbs the water the fibres of the carpet will return to normal.

Dust-away

Save time when cleaning the house by doing the dusting at the same time as the vacuuming. Dyson's soft dusting brush attached to your vacuum cleaner, gently wipes down surfaces as the vacuum sucks the dust and dirt away.

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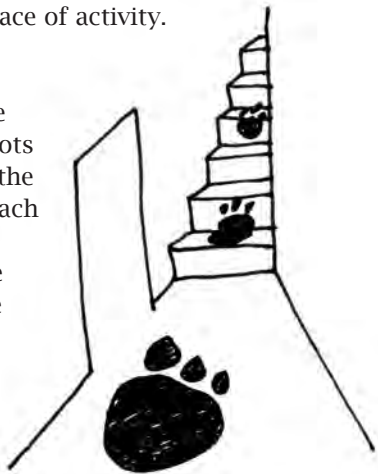


Fingerprint detective

If sticky fingers have left marks all over your walls and doors, making your home look like a crime scene, simply wipe with a damp cloth dipped in white vinegar to remove any trace of activity.

Footprint train

If someone has walked into the house wearing their muddy boots and left a trail of footprints in the hall, leave the mud to dry. Attach a stubborn dirt brush to your vacuum cleaner and loosen the dirt with the brush so it can be sucked away.



Furry mess

When your pet has turned your sofa into a hairy beast and the stubborn hairs just won't budge, choose a Dyson Motorhead or Dyson Turbine vacuum cleaner to zap them up in a jiffy. Or, attach a Dyson mini turbine head to your vacuum. Or, whip out a Dyson Motorhead handheld.

Graffiti artist

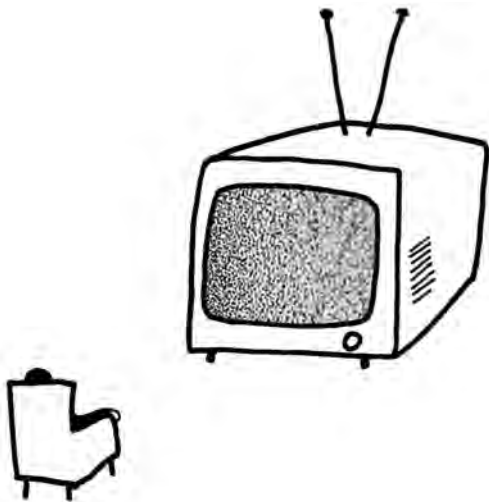
If your artistic child has a Michelangelo moment and decorates your walls with crayon, don't despair. Instead reach for a toothbrush and toothpaste and scrub onto the masterpiece. Toothpaste acts as an abrasive and will banish those scribbles.

Hard floor care

Don't forget to vacuum hard floors, these are just as susceptible to dirt and dust being trampled on them. A hard floor tool sweeps the floor whilst sucking up crumbs, dirt and dust from the floor.

Hazy vision

Is dust obscuring the picture from your TV? Use a soft dusting brush attached to your vacuum cleaner to remove the layer of dust on the screen and admire a clearer picture.

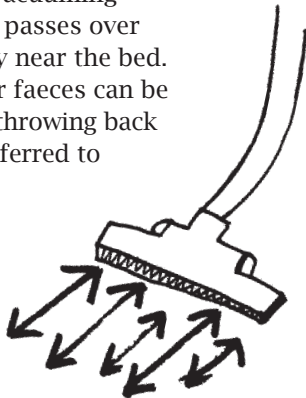


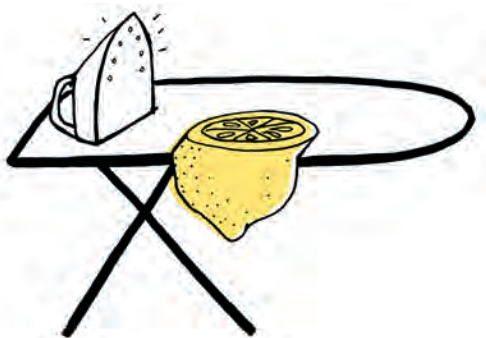
Houseplants

Indoor houseplants can be hidden sources of mould. Be careful not to over-water plants, as the dampness encourages mould growth. Mould releases spores into the air which can cause allergies.

'Intensive' vacuuming

Practise 'intensive' vacuuming by making repeated passes over flooring, particularly near the bed. Dust mites and their faeces can be shaken loose when throwing back the covers and transferred to the carpet.





Iron gunk

If the bottom of your iron is covered in brown stains, once cooled cut a lemon in half and rub the juice over the marks, then wipe off with a cloth to remove and stop brown stains smearing on your clean clothes.

It's no yolk

If you've accidentally missed your mouth and dribbled runny yolk onto your favourite shirt, just pop it in salty water to remove the stain.

Keep it clean

There is nothing saucy about sauce stains. Soak clothes or linen in a mixture of white vinegar and water for half an hour before washing as usual to avoid any stains.

Keyboard fluff

Is your computer keyboard gathering dust? This may not be as harmless as it looks. Keyboards can harbour as much bacteria as your toilet seat. Attach the soft dusting brush to your vacuum cleaner or use the soft bristle option on your Dyson handheld nozzle to remove the dust. To disinfect, spray a light mixture of eucalyptus oil and water onto the keyboard and wipe gently (do this while machine is switched off at the plug) It will also clear your nose and help you breathe more easily.

Knuckleduster

Minor spills and mess can be quickly cleared away with a Dyson handheld. It quickly zaps up crumbs, spilt cereal, DIY detritus and other small domestic disasters. Perfect for spot cleaning the home, car or workshop.

Lipstick-on-collar

If you don't want lipstick on your collar to tell a tale on you, add a few drops of eucalyptus oil to a cloth and dab until the stain disappears.



Milky moments

There's no need to cry over spilt milk, mop up the excess then sprinkle with baking powder to absorb the milk and nasty smells. Wait for the powder to dry completely, then vacuum up.

Mix it up

Most houses today have a variety of floor types, from carpets to tiles to wooden flooring. Remember to turn the brush bar of your vacuum cleaner off on hard flooring and delicate rugs. As you move from room to room, adapt the brush bar to each floor type.

Mouldy grout

The grouting of your bathroom tiles can turn a nasty orange colour due to mould and mildew growing in the high humidity. Make a paste from baking soda and water and scrub it onto the grout with an old toothbrush to return it to its original colour. Also, try ventilating your bathroom in future to reduce mould growth.

Neck grime

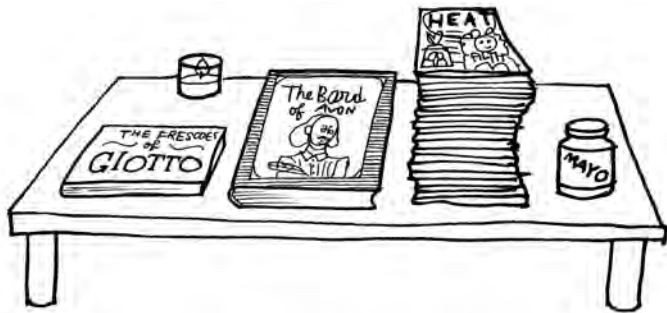
Necks can get hot and dirty with sweat and oil. This fatal formula transfers to shirt collars leaving grimy marks. Make a paste out of baking soda and water and scrub onto the unsightly area with an old toothbrush, then wash as usual.

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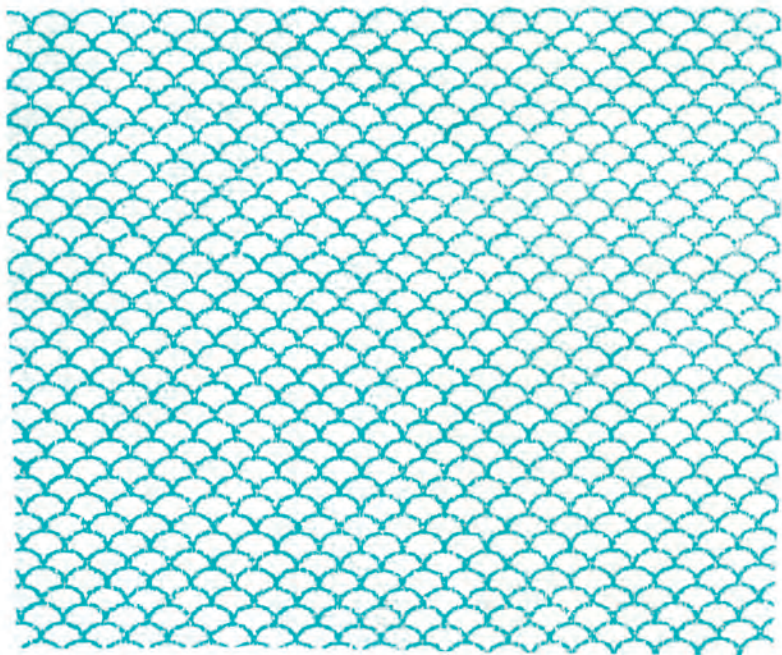
Finished reading the daily paper? Why not get a cleaner view on life by using it to make your windows sparkle. It may seem counter-intuitive to use old dirty newspapers to clean your panes, but in fact, the acidity of the ink in newsprint, combined with a squirt of vinegar and a touch of elbow grease make the perfect ingredients for glistening smear-free windows. Now there's some news!

Olympic rings

If a piping hot cup of tea has been plonked directly onto your coffee table creating a white ring, grab a jar of mayonnaise, rub it onto the ring mark and leave overnight. When you wipe off the mayonnaise the next day, the white marks should be gone.



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Pillow washing

Did you know that your pillow gets heavier because of the number of dust mites (and all that they leave behind) living in it? Wash them every six to twelve months. Pillow washing can vary depending on the filling, so check instructions. Let them dry naturally. It can take up to three days, so it's a good idea to have another set of pillows to rotate.

Ponging pets

Does your stinky pet need sprucing up? Sprinkle him with baking powder then comb through. Not only will it add shine to your cat's or dog's coat but it will remove nasty smells from him too.





Poopa scoop

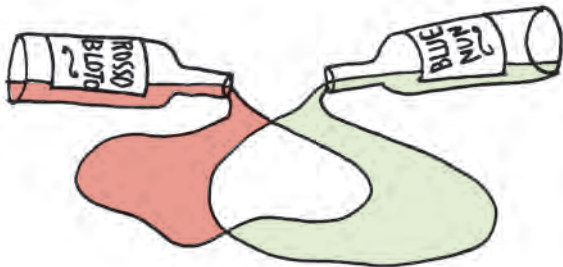
A very effective and quick way to remove dog poo from your car that has been trampled into either the floor or seats is baby wipes. They will not only wipe away the mess, but will also freshen the smell too.

Recycling rags

Don't put worn clothes back into a wardrobe or chest of drawers. These confines cultivate smells, and the moisture and allergens transferred from your body to your clothes may cause mould. Instead, hang them carefully by a window to air. Or leave in a crumpled pile until morning.

Red wine and soda?

Don't let spilt red wine ruin your evening. It's not a disaster, even if your carpet is cream. Speed is of the essence though. Add a little soda water or white wine to the spill to neutralise the stain, soak up excess liquid by placing a towel over the spill and tread on it. Then pour yourself a refill.



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Scaly kettle

Has your kettle become a scaly nightmare? Cover the element with lashings of white vinegar, bring to the boil and leave overnight - remember, let everyone in your house know so there's no surprise when they make themselves a cup of coffee in the morning.



Scuff marks

If the kids have been running riot and left scuff marks all over the lino of your kitchen, just sprinkle a few drops of eucalyptus oil onto a clean cloth and rub those marks away.

Sick slick

If someone has had one too many sweets and been sick on your carpet, remove any solid matter and sprinkle liberally with baking soda to absorb the smell. Leave to dry, then vacuum up. To remove the stain, sponge the area with white vinegar.

Snug in a rug

Rugs collect a lot of dust, skin-cells and dirt. People can lose up to 28g of skin a week - that's the equivalent of a bag of chips - a dust mite's paradise. Don't let dust mites get comfortable in your home. Shake rugs outside to get rid of dust and dirt and then vacuum thoroughly to make sure you remove the dust mites and their droppings. Remember to take care when vacuuming delicate rugs. Ensure that the brush bar is switched off and use the escape valve to reduce suction.

Soap scum

If your bathroom is covered in grime and soap scum, distilled white vinegar is the solution for this. Mix with water and spray onto tiles, basins, baths and mirrors. Wipe off to leave a beautiful shine.

Stair-hair

With the rest of your house clean as a whistle, don't neglect your stairs. Dust, dirt, hair and fibres collect on these well-walked areas. A stair tool, attached to your vacuum cleaner, is perfect for getting into all those nooks and crannies.

Sticky situation

The key to removing gum is ice. Either rub an ice cube onto the offending area, or place the item in the freezer. This will harden the gum. Slowly lift with your fingernails or a knife and peel off.



Skid marks

To solve a stained and unsightly toilet bowl, just take a cola break. Yes, you read it correctly - reach for a can of cola and treat your toilet to a drink. Leave it to digest for an hour, then flush away. The result: a sparkling clean pan.

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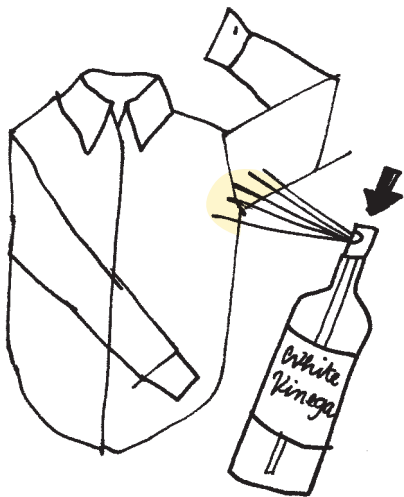
Dyson's flexi crevice tool is great for getting into hard-to-reach areas, like in between the washing machine, fridge and cupboards. Food, dirt and dust lurk in these areas and can attract all sorts of nasties.

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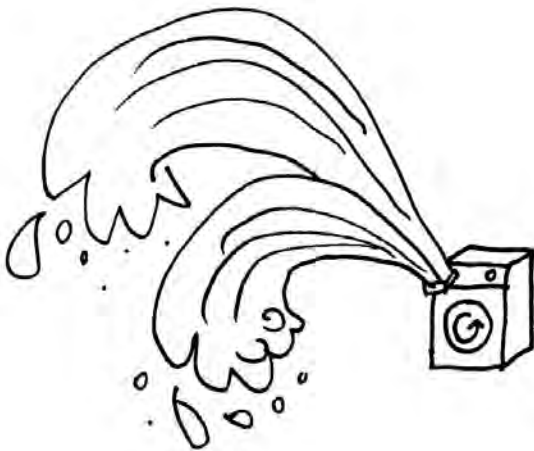
Underarm embarrassment

If, despite repeated washing, embarrassing stains on the underarm of your clothing refuse to budge, just soak the garment in white vinegar for an hour then wash as usual.



Washing machine tray

Don't neglect the detergent drawer of your washing machine. Powder and liquid residue can cause build-up and lead to your machine flooding. Regularly rinse out the drawer to stop this happening.



Wax-wise

Been burning the candle at both ends and ended up with wax all over the floor? Wait until the wax has hardened, place a brown paper bag or greaseproof paper over the wax, then put a warm iron onto the paper. The wax will come away from the floor onto the paper.

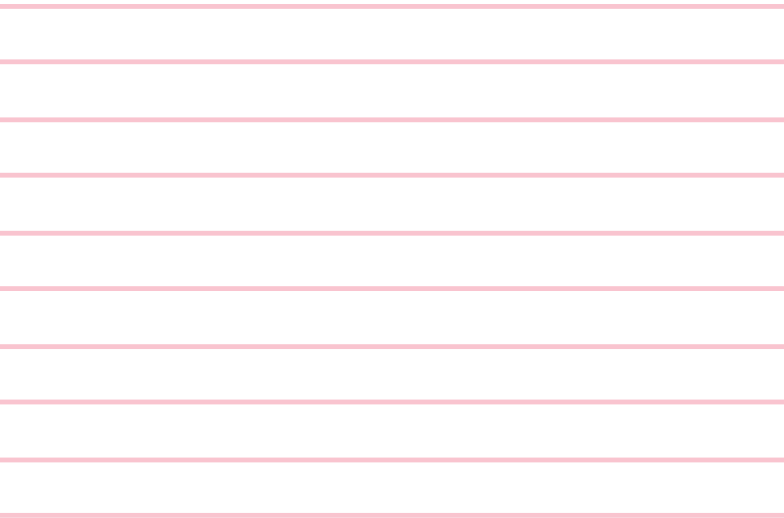
Well done

Cleaning with a Dyson vacuum is a rewarding experience - just take a look in the clear bin and you'll feel justified kicking back and putting your feet up.

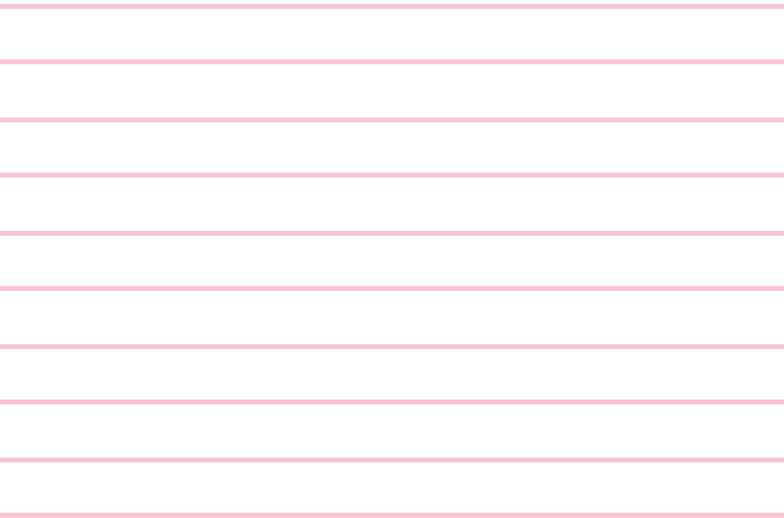
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We've gathered all these tips from various sources. We can't guarantee they will all work every time but we hope they're useful to you. Always take care around the house when cleaning and experiment on small discreet areas where appropriate.

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