

Stain Removal ~ Condiments

Barbeque sauce

For cotton and polyester: Scrape off dried residue with a dull knife. Apply glycerin to stain and let sit 10 minutes. Rinse with cool water. Apply a commercial stain remover that is safe for the fabric and let sit 15 minutes. Machine wash according to garment care label.

For washable silk and wool: Scrape off dried residue with a dull knife. Apply glycerin to stain and let sit 10 minutes. Rinse with cool water. Treat with a gentle liquid laundry detergent, such as Ivory Snow, and a small amount of water. Rub gently to form suds, then flush with cool water.

Butter / margarine

For cotton and polyester: Pre-treat stain with liquid laundry detergent. Let sit for 5 minutes. Machine wash according to garment care label. If stain persists, place garment stain side down on a towel. Apply a commercial grease-remover, such as Carbona Stain Devil, to the back of stain. Residue will bleed through onto towel. Air dry and machine wash again.

For washable silk and wool: Treat with a gentle liquid laundry detergent, such as Ivory Snow, and let sit for 5 minutes. Apply a small amount of water and rub gently to form suds. Flush with cool water. If stain persists, apply a small amount of liquid dish soap, such as Dawn. Let sit 5 minutes and flush with cool water again. If stain is still present, take the garment to a dry cleaner.

Ketchup / tomato sauce

For cotton and polyester: Pre-treat stain with a commercial stain remover that is safe for the fabric, or a small amount of liquid laundry detergent. Using an eye dropper, apply a half-vinegar, half-water solution to bleach any remaining stain. Machine wash according to garment care label.

For washable silk and wool: Same as cotton and polyester.

Mayonnaise

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For washable silk and wool: Treat with a gentle liquid laundry detergent, such as Ivory Snow, and let sit for 5 minutes. Apply a small amount of water and rub gently to form suds. Flush with cool water. If stain persists, apply a small amount of liquid dish soap, such as Dawn. Let sit 5 minutes and flush with cool water again. If stain is still present, take the garment to a dry cleaner.

Mustard

For cotton and polyester: Pre-treat stain with liquid laundry detergent. Let sit for 30 minutes. Machine wash according to garment care label. If stain remains, apply a solution of one part vinegar to two parts water with an eyedropper. Mix a solution of ½ cup liquid laundry detergent per 1 gallon of water in a plastic bucket. Soak garment for 30 minutes. Machine wash again.

For washable silk and wool: Using an eyedropper, apply a solution of one part vinegar to two parts water. Apply a commercial stain remover that is safe for the fabric and let sit 15 minutes. Flush spot with cool water. If stain persists, take the garment to a dry cleaner.

Salad Dressing

For cotton and polyester: If stain is fresh, pour on talcum powder or cornstarch to soak up as much oil as possible. Brush or shake off excess. Place garment stain-side down onto a towel. Apply a stain remover designed for grease and oil, such as Carbona Stain Devil, according to package instructions. Machine wash according to garment care label.

For washable silk and wool: Same as cotton and polyester, but take item to a dry cleaner if stain persists.

Salsa

For cotton and polyester: Pre-treat stain with liquid laundry detergent. Let sit 5 minutes. Machine wash with color-safe bleach in warmest water safe for fabric. Repeat if stain persists.

For washable silk and wool: Pre-treat stain with a gentle liquid laundry detergent, such as Ivory Snow. Let sit 5 minutes. Flush stain with cool water. If stain persists, apply a solution of one part vinegar to two parts water with an eyedropper.

Flush with water again. If stain is still visible, take the garment to a dry cleaner.