

Eight Alternative Uses for Toothpaste

When brushing your teeth, have you ever given any thought as to what other uses toothpaste could be put to? Here are a few ideas.



1. Removing shoe scuffs

Amazingly, if you dab a little toothpaste on the scuff mark and then rub it in with a soft cloth. Wipe it clean with a damp cloth and your shoes will come up as new. Try it if you don't believe me!

2. Chrome Cleaner

A small amount of non-gel toothpaste will shine your chrome just as well as the shop bought cleaners. Smear it on and polish with a soft dry cloth.

3. Cleaning crayon marks.

Many parents have had the pleasure of finding crayon marks on the walls. Squirt some non-gel toothpaste on the wall and start scrubbing. The mild abrasive in the paste will remove the crayon marks every time. Also use as an alternative to sugar soap when washing walls prior to decorating.

4. Sticking posters on walls

Toothpaste can be used as a solution to the age old problem of sticking posters on bedroom walls. Sticky tape will damage the paintwork when removed, whilst pins etc would need to be filled in afterwards.

Just put a dab in each corner and along the edges and it sticks. When removing it leaves no holes and any residue can be washed off easily.

5. A budget air freshener for your car

Simply squeeze a small amount into a paper towel, fold it up and place under the seat. When left in warm sunshine, the towel warms up releasing a nice mild minty smell into the car.

6. Clean the hot plate of your iron.

Toothpaste is ideal for cleaning all the gunk off the underside of your iron. Making sure the iron is cold, apply to the underside plate and scrub with a rag. Rinse well and your iron will sparkle.

7. Mirror de-fogger

Squirt a small amount of toothpaste onto your mirror and clean it off. This will ensure the mirror doesn't fog up whilst you are in the shower. Another remedy to this problem is to rub dry soap onto the mirror and then buff up to a shine.

8. Cleaning the bathroom basin

Toothpaste works just as well as any bathroom cleaner when cleaning the bathroom basin. Try it when the kids spill some paste squeezing it on to their brush. It brings the basin up with a lovely shine and destroys any unpleasant odours coming from the drain.