

Doing laundry may not always be the most exciting way to spend your time, but is a task everyone gets to face on a weekly or perhaps even daily basis. Enhance your laundry routine with the cleansing power of essential oils along with a few handy tips and raise your enthusiasm!

## **FABRIC SOFTENER**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 64-ounce bag of Epsom salt 40 drops **Lavender** essential oil 30 drops **Tea Tree** essential oil 20 drops **Lemon** essential oil

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Pour Epsom salt into large glass bowl.
- Add essential oils and stir well to combine.
- Store in glass jar at least ½ gallon size.
- Use ½ cup for medium to large loads in wash cycle at any temperature.
- Reduce to ¼ cup for small loads.

## **ESSENTIAL OILS IN LAUNDRY ROUTINE**

Natural, safe, and effective solutions

- Add 4 drops **Lemon** to glass water bottle to pretreat stains.
- Use doTERRA® On Guard® Laundry Detergent to add the benefits of doTERRA® On Guard® to every load.
- Add 2 drops favorite essential oil to rinse cycle for lasting benefits:
  - Add **Citrus Bliss**® to towels for uplifting scent after shower.
  - Add **Wild Orange** to workout clothes for energizing scent during workout.
  - Add **Purify** to dish towels for added purifying benefits.
  - Add **Tea Tree** for cleansing properties.
- Add 2-4 drops of Lavender to dryer balls or clean washcloth to further infuse fresh scent into laundry.
- Add drop of favorite essential oil to damp cloth and place on top of clothing when ironing.



# "BLEACH" FOR CLEANING

(makes 1 quart)

#### **INGREDIENTS**

10-15 drops **Lemon** essential oil ½ cup 3% hydrogen peroxide ½ cup lemon juice OR ½ teaspoon citric acid ½ cup baking soda 6 cups water

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Combine all ingredients and store in dark or covered glass bottle that is at least ½ gallon.
- Shake well before each use.
- Use 1 cup per load.
- Use hottest water possible.
- If clothes are especially soiled/dirty, soak overnight; in morning add laundry soap and wash as usual. Wash twice, if soaking isn't an option.

Exposure to light will weaken the solution. Lasts up to 3 months if stored properly.



## **UPCYCLE AND REUSE**

 Use empty Slim & Sassy® TrimShake containers to store DIY powdered laundry detergent, clothespins, or homemade dryer balls.

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- Use empty 10mL roll-on bottles for stain spot treatment.
- Put your loose pocket change into empty LLV bottles.

# **CLEAN LAUNDRY DIFFUSING BLEND**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

3 drops **Siberian Fir** essential oil 3 drops **Cypress** essential oil

2 drops Wintergreen essential oil



# **ESSENTIAL OIL DRYER SPONGES**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

½ cup baking soda

1 cup hot water

½ cup white vinegar

5-10 drops favorite essential oil

5-10 simple sponges

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Combine baking soda and hot water in glass container and stir.
- Add vinegar and mix, then add essential oil and stir until all ingredients are combined.
- Fill container with sponges, trimming to fit if needed, and close with tight fitting lid.
- Shake container, remove one sponge, wring out lightly, and place in dryer with wet clothes.
- After dryer cycle, place sponge back in container and reseal.

#### **LINEN SPRAY**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

15 drops Lavender essential oil (or oil of choice)

2 cups distilled water

1 tablespoon rubbing alcohol

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

• Put all ingredients in glass bottle and shake well before each use.

# FRONT-LOADING WASHING MACHINE CLEANER\*

#### **INGREDIENTS**

20 drops **Tea Tree** essential oil

20 drops **Lemon** essential oil

1 cup white vinegar

1 cup baking soda

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Combine essential oils and vinegar in glass bowl.
- Add baking soda to drum of empty machine and close door.
- Run wash cycle with extra rinse.
- Once cycle is complete, open and wipe inside of door, drum, and gasket and leave door open to dry.
  - \*Safe to use on HE washers.

## **STAIN REMOVER**

## **INGREDIENTS**

4 tablespoons doTERRA® On Guard® Cleaner Concentrate

1 tablespoon baking soda

8 tablespoons 3% hydrogen peroxide

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Combine all ingredients in glass jar and mix well.
- Apply directly to stain with finger, piece of fabric, or toothbrush.
- Allow to sit at least 10-15 minutes or up to an hour.
- Wash as usual.