

help wanted bucket lists

Four cleaning experts fill us in on their favorite products and tools, room by room.



kitchen

BUCKET LIST

Our expert: Melissa Maker, author of Clean My Space

baking soda

"To make an oven interior look new, put 1/4 cup baking soda in a bowl, then add dish soap to form a paste. Remove the oven racks and set them aside. Clear scorched food bits with a paper towel, and rub the paste on with a sponge. After 10 minutes, scrub and wipe the interior clean with a damp microfiber cloth."

Arm & Hammer baking soda shaker, from \$1.50 for 12 ounces, at grocery stores

🙆 stainless steel spray

"Fingerprint-y fridge? Spritz this on, then wipe clean with a microfiber cloth following the metal's natural grain."

Welman stainless steel cleaner and polish. \$6 for 22 ounces, amazon.com

🕝 stone cleaner

"I like a plant-based product that doesn't leave my kitchen smelling like industrial chemicals. This stuff makes granite and marble sparkle."

Method daily granite cleaner, \$6 for 28 ounces, target.com

🙆 citrus essential oil

"You wouldn't believe how much grease collects on wood cabinets! Mix 20 drops of orange essential oil with 1 cup each vinegar and dish soap in a spray bottle. Spritz on cabinets, then wipe with a damp cloth."

Now Solutions 100% pure orange essential oil, \$5 for I ounce, nowfoods.com

😉 mineral oil

"For grease on backsplashes and hoods, fight oil with oil. Put a few drops on a paper towel, wipe it on, then remove with a sudsy rag." Mineral oil, \$8 for 8 ounces, Jkadams.com

(i) degreaser

"After cooking up a stir-fry, this is how I deal with stove-top grime."

Krud Kutter, from \$6 for 32 ounces, at home improvement stores

powder cleanser

"When your stainless or porcelain sink starts to look yucky, a few sprinkles of this on a wet cloth is like an instant makeover."

Bar Keepers Friend powder, from \$2 for 12 ounces, at home improvement stores