



Spending a lot of your time on the couch during this COVID-19 lockdown? We tell you how to keep it clean

The sofa is one of the most frequently used pieces of furniture (now more than ever, thanks to the COVID-19 lockdown!) at home. It endures a lot of wear and tear; it's also a victim of liquid spills, food particles, body oils, pet dander, indoor pollutants and so on. Since it's impossible to get your sofa professionally cleaned at present, we bring you a few Tips n ways to keep it clean.

A FEW TIPS TO CLEAN YOUR SOFA :

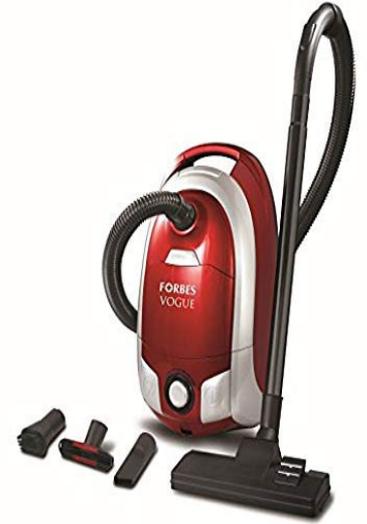
Use a Vacuum Cleaner

A vacuum cleaner is ideal for routine cleaning as it removes dust, dust mites, allergens and pet dander. Use the upholstery attachments of the vacuum cleaner for cleaning the sofa seats and the base of the sofas while the long and narrow attachment can be used to clean the crevices and corners.

You can also sprinkle a generous amount of baking powder on the sofa and leave it for a few hours before vacuum cleaning the sofa. This helps remove bacteria and moisture from the sofa.

Use a Lint Roller

If you have pets at home, clean the sofa with a lint roller to lift and trap pet hair which cannot be removed by a vacuum cleaner.



Fluff the Seats

Flip and fluff the cushions and seats regularly so that they remain firm and the shape of the sofa is maintained. This process will also ensure that the internal filling material of the seats do not get accumulated in one place. Do not sit on the upholstered armrests otherwise the infill material will become flat and lose its shape.



Use a Stain Remover

As soon as any stains are created due to food or liquid spills, make it a point to clean it immediately with a damp cloth dipped in a warm soapy solution followed by a dry wipe. To remove stubborn stains, spray a commercial fabric or leather cleaner on the sofas and spot clean it.

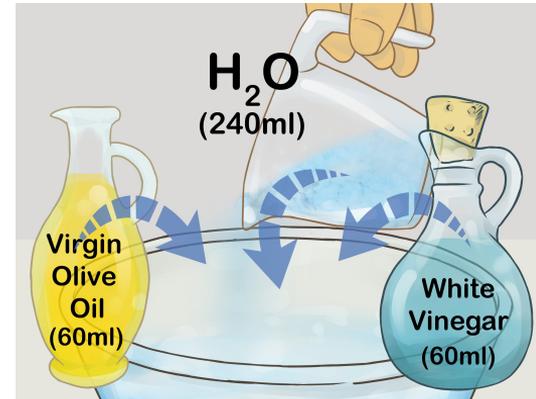
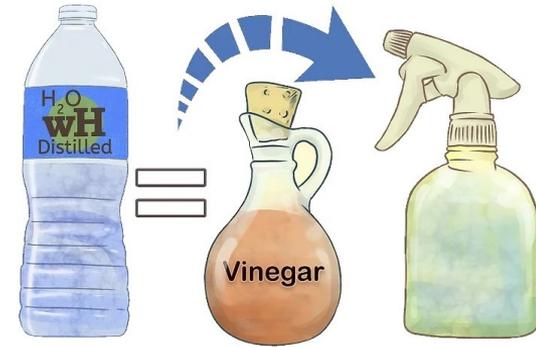


Use Homemade Cleaners

You can also opt for homemade cleaners that are made with natural ingredients that are readily available in the kitchen. Before you spray homemade cleaners on the sofa, test it on a small patch of the sofa.

- A fabric upholstered sofa can be cleaned by spraying a cleaner that is made with 3 parts warm water, 1 part vinegar (and a little soap detergent.) Let it remain for 2 minutes, scrub with a clean towel and allow it to dry.
- Clean the leather sofa by wiping it with a cleaner made with equal parts vinegar and water followed by a dry wipe. Condition the sofa to give it a shiny look by spraying a solution made with 2 parts olive oil and one part of vinegar. Buff the leather upholstered sofa with a soft cloth.

***** Try And test it once at a part where the sofa upholstery is not visible first.**



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