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Tips for using Soiled Ties:

If you've done everything possible to save a tie, and even after it is returned from the dry-cleaner not quite fit for office or social wear, you can still make use of those silk ties.

Turn it into a beautiful quilt, or a handbag, or skirt, or funky vest.

A single spot on a tie is noticeable, and you feel like you need to discard it. But when it is made into something else entirely, the spot is no longer noticeable!

Silk Ties

The real truth of the matter is that silk ties aren't really designed and made to be cleaned. They are very fragile and most cleaning methods will tear them apart.

That being said, the frugal person will ask, "What? Throw it away? Not a chance!"

If you get a stain on your silk tie you have a couple of choices to try to remove the stain. None of these are foolproof. However, nothing looks worse than that big red stain from last night's spaghetti running down the front of your tie.

Silk is not very friendly with water, so avoid using water to try to clean a stain off of your tie. Handle them as little and as gently as possible to avoid puckers and pulling the tie out of shape.

The first thing I would recommend is taking your tie to your friendly local drycleaner. They will tell you up front if there is a good chance of removing the stain or not. Most of the time, they are successful. If they're not willing to tackle the job, here are a couple other ideas you could try.

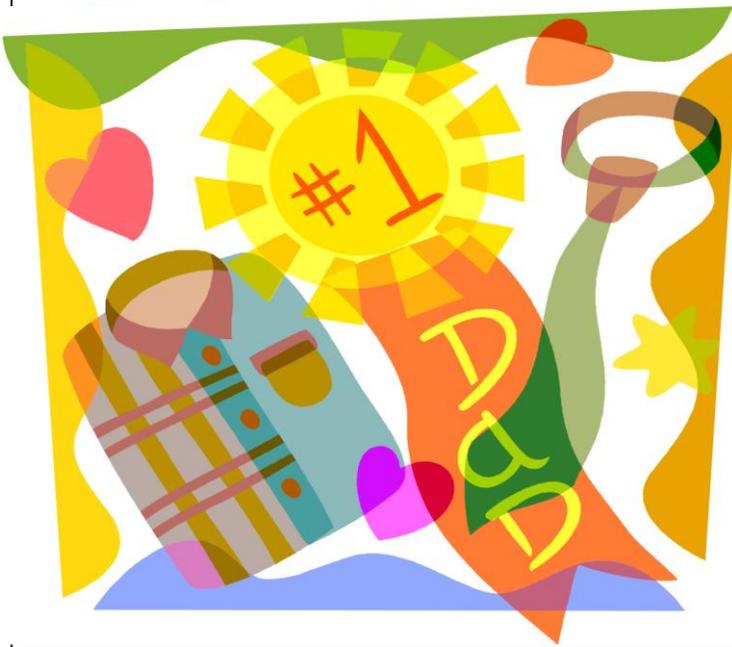
Dab your stain with a little bit of rubbing alcohol. (Use a light-colored cloth to do this; don't use paper towels or tissues as the fibers will pill off into the fabric of the tie.) Blow the area dry to keep a visible ring from forming around the stain. Do this three or four times and you may very well see a difference.

For oily stains like salad dressing, try using either talcum powder or cornstarch. Place the tie on a flat surface and apply a fairly thick layer of powder over the stain, and then leave it overnight. Again, you may have to do this three to four times to get rid of the stain.

Stain removers that women carry in their purse can sometimes help, but some of them will alter the color of the tie in the area of the stain (remember, the tie was a goner already...we're just trying to save it!)

Next time, rather than chance it, toss that tie over your shoulder while you eat, or tuck it into your dress shirt. It's a whole lot easier getting stains out of your shirt than it is out of your tie!

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Recommend your neighbor; she'll get \$10 in
FREE dry cleaning and so will you!



Father's Day

Here are some ideas on what to get dear ole Dad for Father's Day? I interviewed a couple of dads and here is the list I was given:

- Replace any tools you've borrowed and never returned...or tools you've broken.
- GPS for a Father's Day hike...
- Then a massage for the sore muscles from the Father's Day hike.
- Possibly a compass and map to assist during the hike when the GPS batteries fail, or when Dad "loses" the screen showing where you are.
- A kite...better yet, a kite **shaped** like a tie. Don't give Dad a tie unless he actually asked for one.
- Card, dinner, but most of all, your time. There is no greater gift than spending time with Dad.

Planked Salmon

While Dad might usually be king of the grill, kids and wives, this BBQ recipe is easy, delicious, and will put you in the running for BBQ royalty! Soak one or two cedar planks (available at the butcher section) for at least one hour in water. Light the grill and when it is hot, place the salmon on the planks, season lightly with salt, lemon slices, garlic, and dried dill. Place the salmon-loaded planks directly on the grill grates, and BBQ until the fish flakes easily with a fork. Folks, this is AMAZING...and healthy!



“He didn't tell me how to live;

He lived, and let me watch him do it.”

~Clarence Budington Kelland

Summer Is Coming! Winter Coats 10% Off

Bring in all your winter coats for a 10% discount. Don't let them stay dirty over the summer. If you do, the “dirty coat bugs” will feast on them and you'll find some holes. The only way you can fight those dirty bugs is cleaning your coats.

This month's quotes:

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." - Helen Keller

"Until you value yourself, you will not value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it." - M. Scott Peck

“There is no greater wisdom than love.” – Gregory J. Colosi

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