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1. NATURAL LATEX CLEANING GLOVES

A good glove makes cleaning easy-breezy, especially when it's a cheery lime green color, soft to the touch inside, and slip-resistant on the outside. You'll want a pair at the sink, where the cuff will keep your digits dry, and in each cleaning caddy in the house. \$13; fullcirclehome.com



no smudges!



SQUEAKY CLEAN

Your home will spring to life with help from these tools.

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COOL TOOLS



2. LINT-FREE CLEANING CLOTHS

Spot-clean stains from upholstery and smudges from glass with these lint-free cloths that leave no fibers behind—unlike sponges, washcloths, or paper towels. \$20; thelaundress.com

3. ANGRY MAMA MICROWAVE CLEANER

Let this little lady pop her top, because it helps get your crusty microwave clean. Fill with water and vinegar, microwave, and wipe. Try adding a squirt of lemon juice for a fresh scent. \$10; containerstore.com

4. 18-INCH LAMBSWOOL DUSTER

Lanolin in lamb's wool naturally attracts dust particles away from your window blinds and bookshelf trinkets, and a long handle on this duster gives greater reach. To periodically clean the duster, twirl the handle between your hands, or hand-wash using duster shampoo. \$10; woolshop.com



5. DYSON V7 ANIMAL VACUUM

Vanquish ground-in dirt and debris from pets and kids with a vacuum that can convert from a long stick for carpets to a short handheld tool for crevices in car interiors. Accessories include a docking station for recharging, plus crevice, combination, and mini motorized tools. \$400; dyson.com

6. LIBMAN SPIRALSWEEP BROOM

Make a clean sweep of any room with an innovative push broom that uses spinning

brushes to pull dirt in—even from edges of baseboards—and has a catch to hold and dump whatever rubbish it may find. \$20; homedepot.com

7. HOOVER SMARTWASH+ AUTOMATIC CARPET CLEANER

As you push and pull Hoover's machine, it senses whether it needs to dispense carpet-cleaning solution or suck it up. It also mixes the solution as you go, so no measuring is needed. \$229; homedepot.com

8. O-CEDAR PROMIST MAX MICROFIBER SPRAY MOP

Powered by hand (not batteries), this eco-friendly microfiber mop helps clean longer without much fuss—thanks to a mop head that flips over to reveal a clean side and a mop pad that can last up to 100 washes. Use your own solution in the refillable bottle. \$20; amazon.com



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all smiles

9. SCRUB DADDY

An adaptable sponge, the stink-free Scrub Daddy is made of a material that changes texture based on water temperature. It's firm in cold water for serious scrub-a-dubbing and soft in warm water for light cleaning. \$15; smileshop.scrubdaddy.com

10. RING BRUSH

Liven up cleaning day with a petite brush featuring peppy-color nylon bristles that are safe for nonstick surfaces. Its shape is perfect for grout and tight corners, and the ring handle is easy to hold. \$5; casabella.com



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11. STAIN REMOVER

Borax plus enzymes and soap make for an unscented natural stain remover for laundry that founder Christine Dimmick designed after her experience with cancer. Spray liberally and wash, either immediately or after it sits, depending on the stain. \$15; goodhomestore.com



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12. PURE-CASTILE LIQUID SOAP IN ALMOND

The beauty of castile soap is its versatility: This 18-in-1 product can handle laundry, mopping, countertops, dishes, and more. We love almond, but seven other fragrances are available. \$11 for 16 ounces; shop.drbronner.com



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13. COMMON GOOD GLASS CLEANER

This cleaner helps mirrors and windows come clean just as well as the other guys and smells like lavender to boot. Made from plant-derived ingredients, it's one you'll let kids use to help with the chores. \$7; commongoodandco.com



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15. DREMEL VERSA 4-VOLT CORDLESS LITHIUM-ION POWER CLEANER TOOL

Soap scum, baked-on food, rust, and thick grease are the worst-of-the-worst cleaning jobs, but this petite rotating device handles it all. Dremel's handheld machine tackles wet or dry messes and comes with four accessories and a micro USB adapter for a quick two-hour charge. \$50; homedepot.com



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14. GRANITE GOLD SEALER

To test whether you need to do more than a deep clean on your granite or other natural stone, let water sit on the counter for 30 minutes. A dark mark or ring means it's time to clean and then seal again to protect against stain, etching, and soil buildup. \$30; granitegold.com