

8 Common Tough Stains

And How To Remove Them

Ink

Ink can be stubborn, but rubbing alcohol can solve that. Apply alcohol and blot as much ink as possible. Then, use heavy-duty laundry detergent for a final wash. No alcohol or detergent at hand? Soak the stain in sour milk for 20 minutes and wash it off.



Makeup

Makeup contains oils, waxes, and pigments that can stay on fabric forever. Scrape off excess, pretreat with rubbing alcohol, and rinse. Follow up with enzymatic laundry detergent in a warm water machine wash.

Armpit Stains

Armpit stains are not hard to remove as long as they don't stay in your clothes for too long. Break down these stains with enzymatic laundry detergent. Trouble with odor? The enzymes take care of them, too!

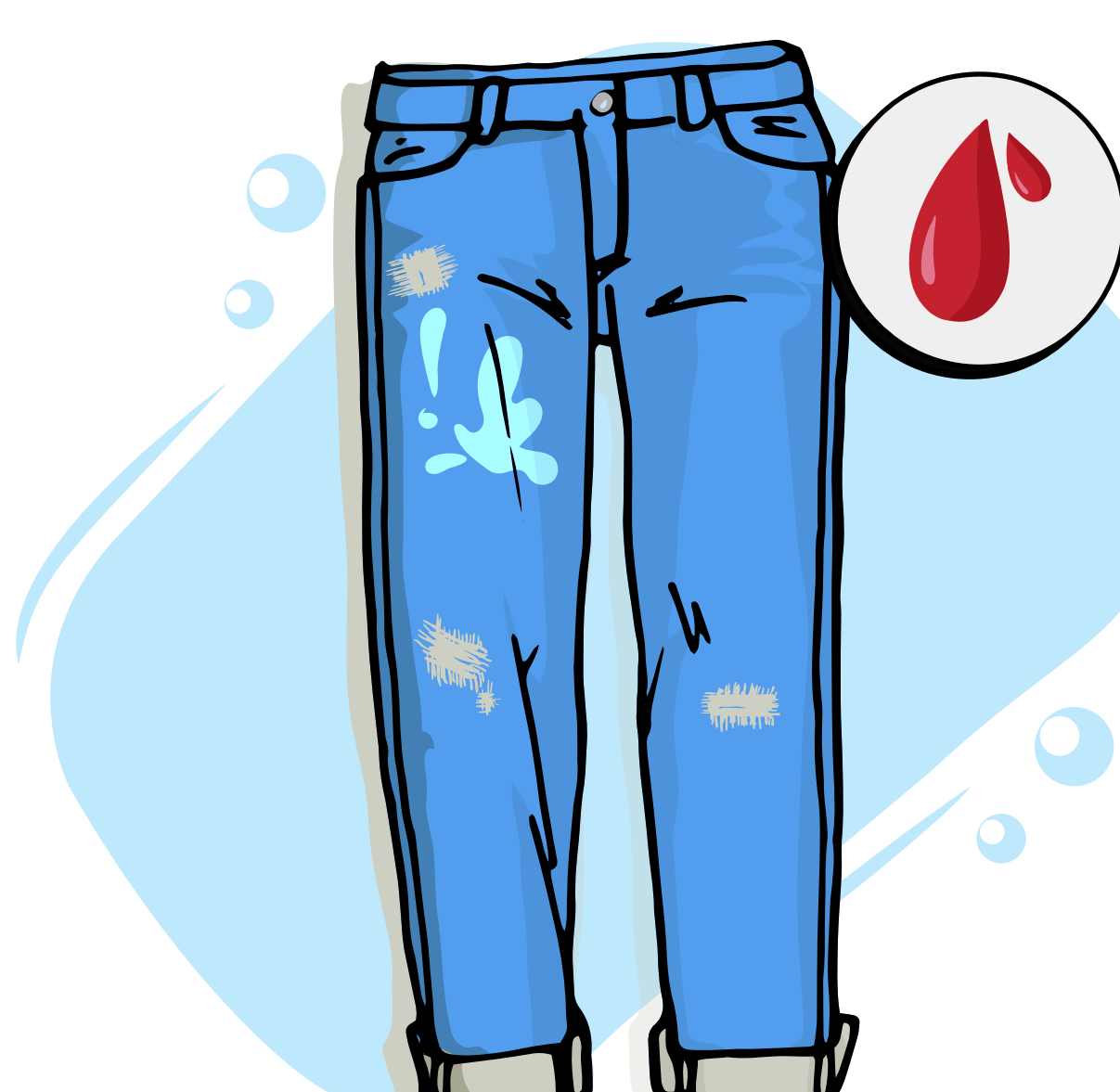


Paint

Water-based paints are easy to remove if tackled early; just blot with a towel with rubbing alcohol and then wash with detergent. However, oil-based paint stains are tougher! Pretreat with rubbing alcohol, rinse, and wash with heavy-duty detergent.

Blood

Blood stains oxidize quickly, which makes them stubborn. Soak fresh stains in cold water and gently rub with laundry detergent when fresh. For dried stains, a mix of cold water, oxygen bleach, and enzymatic detergent is your secret weapon.

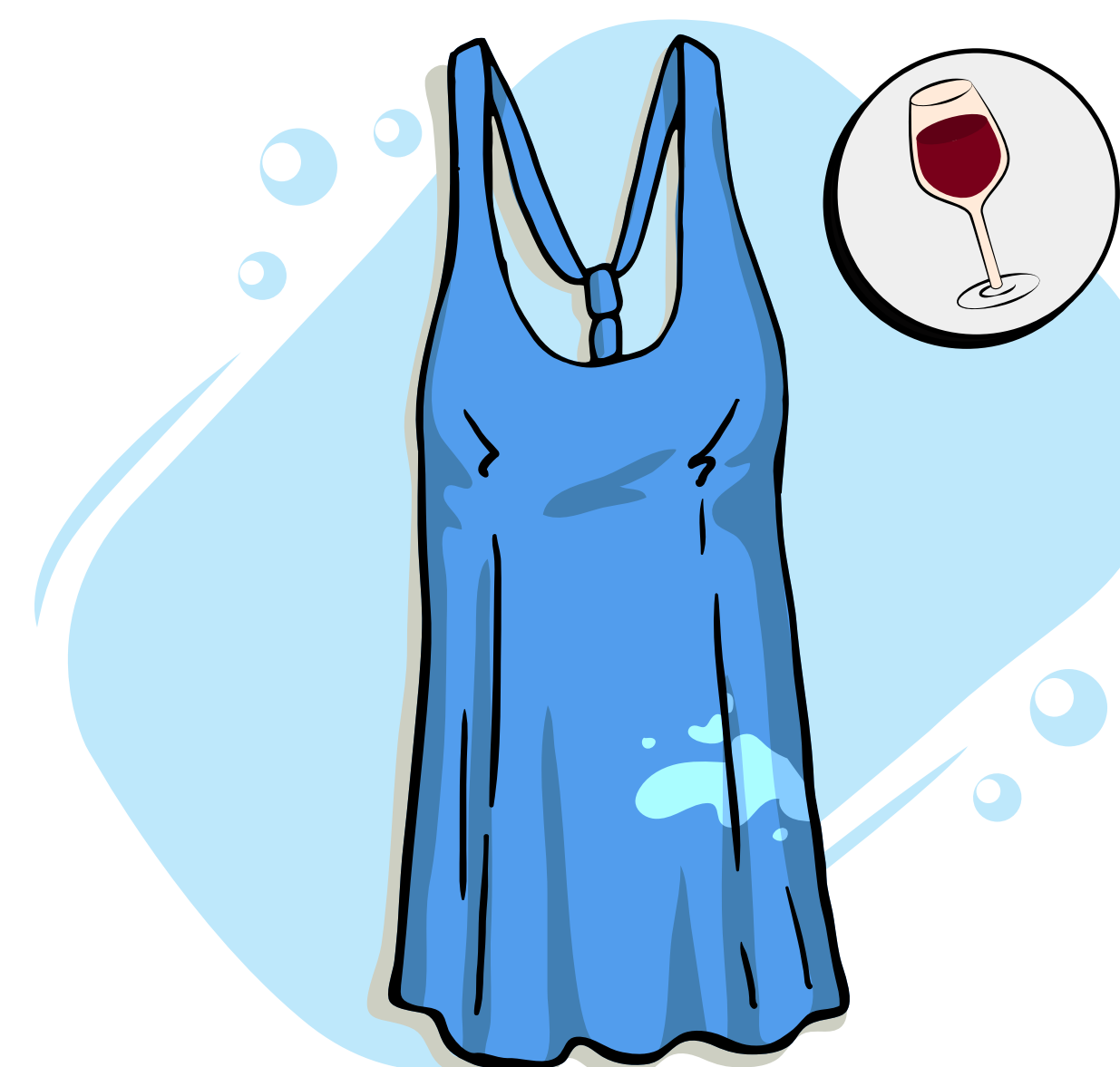


Tomato Sauce

If you don't act fast, tomato sauce stains become a hassle. Treat them ASAP with laundry detergent or dish soap, and rinse. Then, use an enzymatic laundry detergent with pectinases. For older stains, presoak in oxygen bleach.

Coffee

These stains are worse when the coffee is piping hot. Spot treat with laundry detergent, rinse, and fully wash with enzymatic detergent in cold or warm water. For older stains, presoak with oxygen bleach and enzymatic detergent.



Red Wine

Red wine stains are infamous for how difficult they can be. Cover the stains with a hydrogen peroxide and water mix, then wash with an enzymatic detergent—cold water is your best bet for saving your clothes from a red-tinted fate!

