

# Hints For Homemakers

## Housekeeping Tips For The Modern Girl

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(NAPSA)—These days, it seems that our social schedules are filled with parties. Regardless of the occasion, Americans love to entertain, with an increasing focus on at-home soirees. However, today's working woman has more on her plate than ever, so when she cleans, she's looking for efficiency and knowing that it's a job well done.



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Jane Buckingham, author of "The Modern Girl's Guide to Life," recommends using Swiffer

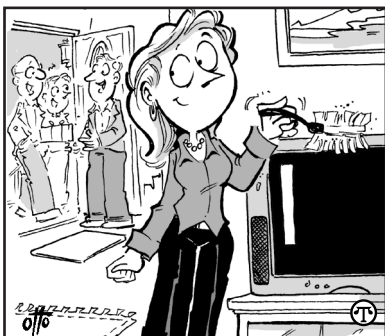
to achieve the Five Signs of Clean. This five-pronged attack to cleaning the right way not only assures you that your home is ready for guests, but also acts as an exercise for the senses. These five questions are a Modern Girl's best-kept secret and will allow you a stress-free approach to getting your home guest-ready!

### **How does it smell?**

If it smells clean and fresh, your guests will think you've just spent hours on your hands and knees to achieve a scent your nose craves. Running a lemon down your garbage disposal and lighting a candle will also improve your home's scent.

### **How does it look?**

What will guests see as they walk through the front door? Inspect the countertops, bathroom sinks, walls and showers to determine what needs a touch-up, and use an anti-bacterial multisurface cleaner to remove grime and dirt. Make certain that high-traffic areas are visually appealing.



**Tackling a few key areas before the party can help ensure that your guests see and smell a clean home.**

### **How do your surfaces feel to the touch?**

Can your guests write their names in the dust on your coffee table? Swiffer Dusters will efficiently and effectively trap and lock the dust accumulated on your shelves, pictures and knickknacks.

### **Is there any mess around that needs to be tossed?**

Declutter your living space by determining what you can comfortably part with. Less mess makes more surface area and, in turn, opens up the party area. Don't forget to toss the mess; be sure to take out the garbage before the guests arrive!

### **How shiny are the surfaces?**

Nothing says clean like shiny floors, yet there's nothing worse than dragging out a mop and bucket. A bucketless mop such as the Swiffer WetJet eliminates the hassle of using a sponge mop and delivers a thorough clean.

For more information on these entertaining tips and to receive additional party pointers from Jane herself, please visit [www.Swiffer.com](http://www.Swiffer.com).