

Hints For Homemakers

Write Off Stains

(NAPSA)—Let's face it: Stains happen—but laundry day may soon seem like less of a washout with the help of a few tips and the “write” ideas.



With a bleach pen, you can tackle stains with precision.

- **Pocket protector**—Prep clothes before they hit the hamper: Zip zippers to avoid snagging and turn jeans and dark clothing inside-out to prevent color streaking.

- **Spin cycle**—Hate washing fine lace, beaded clothing and nylons by hand? Try washing them in a tied pillowcase; use cold water and the delicate cycle.

- **Sticky situation**—Always check the pockets of garments before washing and drying. One hidden lipstick, crayon or stick of gum can damage your duds. To remove gum from clothing, brush egg white on the area with an old toothbrush and launder as usual.

- **Stains got you screaming?**—When a stain ruins a new striped, floral or patterned shirt, you can “write” the problem with a new gel form of bleach in a handy pen-like tool. The Clorox Bleach Pen removes stains in the laundry and around the house. With the dual-tipped design—a narrow point for precise stain removal and a broader scrubber tip for larger tasks—this “pen pal” gives you the control you need to put bleach exactly where you want it.

For more information on the Clorox Bleach Pen, visit the Web site at www.cloroxbleachpen.com.