

## Microfiber Redux

I realized, after several phone calls from curious readers, that the last column on microfiber was a mile deep and an inch wide and I probably should have spent more time explaining all the different ways that the microfiber cloths can be used in our homes and automobiles. So let's try it again. Now that we know how great microfiber is: Where can we put it to work?

Remember that it is ideal to use the microfiber cloths to clean without using any chemicals, so all these suggestions will be using only the microfiber and a little stuff I like to call water. Microfibers clean and sanitize surfaces so they are perfect for almost any application in the home. Microfibers can be used wet or dry but I prefer them usually wet since then they can be useful on far more surfaces. The cloths still get "full" so pay attention that they do not get too full of dust and dirt as then you will be unhappy with the results. Microfibers do not like oils as they fill up their cleaning pockets quickly so make sure any oily areas that you plan to clean are done near the end so that the cloth can then be laundered. En sus Marcas, Listos, Fuera!!

**In The Home:** Haven't dusted on the top of door trim or windows in a long time? Then use a dry cloth and any sort of stick to push it along the top of hard to reach areas. Don't worry, it will pick everything up as well as a vacuum as you will see when you look at it after use. Wet, the cloth can then tackle any pictures that are on the wall, frames to glass, all in one or two passes. Having trouble quickly cleaning the inside of vases after fresh flowers are discarded? Not anymore with just a few swizzles from the microfiber. I still don't know why but microfibers are at their best on baseboards, maybe because we don't like to get down on our hands and knees and clean them often enough. The clothes, wet, will easily clean them in a single pass and you will notice a huge difference. The cloths easily integrate to any flat surface mop you may use: Just wet a cloth and lay it out full size on the floor and mop as usual, It will be a little more grabby than what you used to use but that is good- it means it is working!

In the last article I mentioned washing the windows, even hand-printy sliding glass doors, quickly and perfectly in record time. Inside your home that is true but outside windows should be sprayed off with a hose first if they are extremely dirty and you may want to use two cloths, one for scrubbing the window and the second for making sure that you do not have to return to touch them up. If the microfiber is leaving any streaks behind then it is too wet so simply wring it out a little more. With some trial and error you should develop a feel for when it is just right to clean and not leave streaks.

Now for the ..... bathroom. If you are squeamish about what is used in the bathroom not being used in any other part of the home then simply cut the tag or a corner off of the cloth and make sure to designate that the "Bathroom" cloth. Wet your microfiber and start with the mirror including the top edge of the mirror or frame. If it streaks it is too wet. Continue on the countertops, remember you are sanitizing as you go, clean the fixtures and attack that sink basin. At first the microfiber will grab but be patient just

continue to wipe until it pushes smoothly along the porcelain. MMMMM! Shiny! It will be so easy you will want to wipe down any cabinetry underneath. Tackle the floor and then rinse off the cloth in the nearest water source, your choice, and wipe down the toilet before hitting the bowl. Sanitized bathroom in minutes! No chemicals! Cloth now is ready and willing to be laundered.

Glassware sparkles after a good microfibering, so go ahead and open up that curio cabinet and give everything a good going over. Be a little more careful than usual since the cloths are very grabby and can catch on things and corners. Dry cloths are great for drying off glass partitions after a shower. Wet cloths are terrific for washing the car with just water. A wet microfiber is the best for cleaning electronic screens. Avoid using dry ones as a very dusty cloth may scratch the coatings on some electronics. You can even use wet ones to wipe over your pets to clean off areas around their eyes and refresh their fur. Take a couple to the office to make sure your desktop and phone are really sanitized, no more unattractive "Wipes" canister! This is only a short list of where they can be used and I doubt that a third article will be forthcoming so feel free to use them anywhere and keep us updated where YOU find them handy so that we can pass that on to others. By the way, "Swizzle", "Hand-Printy", and "Grabby" are probably not real words so avoid using them at business meetings.