

Corn Starch Uses

Kill cockroaches. Mix equal parts Kingsford's Corn Starch and plaster of Paris. Sprinkle the mixture in cracks and crevices. Cockroaches will eat the mixture and "petrify."

Cure athlete's foot. Sprinkle Kingsford's Corn Starch on your feet and in your shoes to absorb moisture and reduce friction.

Relieve sunburn pain. Add enough water to Kingsford's Corn Starch to make a paste, and apply directly to the burn.

Clean blood stains. Immediately cover the spot with a paste of Kingsford's Corn Starch and cold water. Rub gently, place the object in the sun until dry to draw the blood into the corn starch, then brush off. Repeat if necessary.

Substitute for baby powder and talcum powder. Apply Kingsford's Corn Starch sparingly when diapering a baby. Corn starch is actually more absorbent than talcum powder, but apply lightly since it does cake more readily.

Shampoo your hair. Kingsford's Corn Starch can be used as a dry shampoo. Work into your hair, then brush out.

Prevent or kill mildew in damp books. Sprinkle Kingsford's Corn Starch throughout the book to absorb the moisture from damp pages, wait several hours, then brush clean. If the pages are mildewed, brush the corn starch off outdoors to keep mildew spores out of the house.

Detangle knots. Sprinkle a stubborn knot with a little Kingsford's Corn Starch.

Clean silver. Make a paste with Kingsford's Corn Starch and water. Apply with a damp cloth, let dry, then rub off with cheesecloth

Remove grease or oil stains from smooth fabric. Apply Kingsford's Corn Starch to the spot, wait twelve hours, brush off, then launder as usual.

Give your dog a dry shampoo. Rub Kingsford's Corn Starch into your dog's fur, then comb and brush out.

Prevent pastry dough from sticking to the cutting board and rolling pin. Sprinkle the cutting board and rolling pin with tasteless Kingsford's Corn Starch before rolling out the dough.

Clean a deck of playing cards. Place the deck of cards into a paper bag, adding four tablespoons Kingsford's Corn Starch, and shake briskly. Remove the cards from the bag and wipe clean.

Soothe skin irritations. Apply a paste made of equal parts Kingsford's Corn Starch, zinc oxide, and castor oil.

Thicken gravy. Corn starch has twice the thickening power of flour. When a gravy, sauce, soup, or stew recipe calls for flour, use half as much corn starch to thicken. One tablespoon of corn starch equals two tablespoons flour.

Relieve the pain and discomfort caused by hemorrhoids. Ben Charles Harris, author of *Kitchen Medicines*, suggests mixing one tablespoon Kingsford's Corn Starch in enough water to make a paste, gradually adding more water to measure a pint, boiling the mixture for a few minutes, allowing it to cool, and then using it in an enema.