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How to Make a Pet Safe Floor Cleaner at Home

Cleaning your home when you have pets can sometimes be challenging, especially when ensuring your cleaning products are safe for them. Here's a DIY solution: a pet-safe floor cleaner that eliminates odors and keeps your floors sparkling clean.

Benefits of a Pet Safe Floor Cleaner

This homemade cleaner is safe, effective, and environmentally friendly. It effectively removes pet odors, is gentle on floors, and is entirely safe for your furry friends to walk on or even lick.

Shopping List

To make two bottles of this cleaner, you'll need:

• White Vinegar: 2 cups



- <u>Distilled Water:</u> 2 cups
- Baking Soda: 2 tablespoons
- Lemon Essential Oil: 20 drops
- Lavender Essential Oil: 20 drops
- Empty Spray Bottles: Two 16-ounce bottles

Tools and Equipment Needed

- Mixing Bowl: Medium size for mixing ingredients.
- Measuring Cups and Spoons: For accurate measurement of ingredients.
- **Funnel**: To pour the mixture into spray bottles without spills.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Prepare Your Ingredients

Gather all your ingredients and tools. Ensure your work area is clean and organized.

2. Mix Vinegar and Water

In a medium-sized mixing bowl, pour 2 cups of white vinegar. Add 2 cups of distilled water and stir gently to mix.

3. Add Baking Soda

Carefully measure and add 2 tablespoons of baking soda into the vinegar-water mixture. Be mindful of the fizzing reaction that will occur.

4. Incorporate Essential Oils

Add 20 drops each of lemon and lavender essential oils into the mixture. Stir gently to ensure they are evenly distributed.

See also DIY Foaming Hand Soap: A Fresh and Natural Alternative

5. Transfer to Bottles

Using a funnel, pour the mixture into the two 16-ounce spray bottles, filling them evenly. Ensure the bottles are securely capped.

6. Label and Store

Label the bottles with a marker or label maker as "Pet Safe Floor Cleaner" and store them in a cool, dry place.



Using Your Pet Safe Floor Cleaner

- **Shake Well**: Before each use, shake the bottle well to ensure the ingredients are mixed.
- **Application**: Spray directly onto the floor and wipe with a mop or cloth.
- Patch Test: Before full use, test a small area to ensure floor compatibility.

Tips and Tricks

- **Alternative Scents**: Feel free to experiment with other pet-safe essential oils such as cedarwood or eucalyptus for different scents.
- **Storage**: Keep out of direct sunlight to maintain the potency of the essential oils.

Pros and Cons

Pros:

- Safe for pets
- Eco-friendly
- Cost-effective
- · Easy to make

Cons:

- Requires preparation time
- Needs proper storage

Conclusion

Creating a pet-safe floor cleaner at home is not only simple and cost-effective but also ensures a safe environment for your pets. This cleaner is effective in removing odors and is gentle on surfaces, making it a great choice for any pet owner.

FAQs

1. Can this cleaner be used on all types of floors?

Yes, but always do a patch test on a small area first to ensure compatibility with your floor type.

2. Are there alternative essential oils I can use?

Yes, you can use any pet-safe essential oils such as cedarwood or eucalyptus.



3. How should I store this cleaner?

Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight to maintain its effectiveness.

4. What should I do if my pet ingests this cleaner?

Although the cleaner is non-toxic, consult a vet if your pet ingests a large amount.

5. Can I use tap water instead of distilled water?

Distilled water is recommended to avoid any mineral deposits that tap water might contain.

See also Pet Urine Be Gone: DIY Floor Cleaner for Fresh and Safe Homes