

Little things with so many uses

Who doesn't welcome techniques that save time and money as well as make life easier?

Take that handy box of cotton swabs that too often is confined to the medicine chest. They can make dozens of household tasks a cinch to do and more efficient, too. Those plump cotton tips make it easy to use them as cleaners and dusters of dozens of otherwise impenetrable corners and crevices around the house. They can also double as tiny paint brushes, and to write bold, eye-catching notes.

Let's begin with some of the household nooks and crannies where versatile cotton swabs do their best work as trusty helpers:

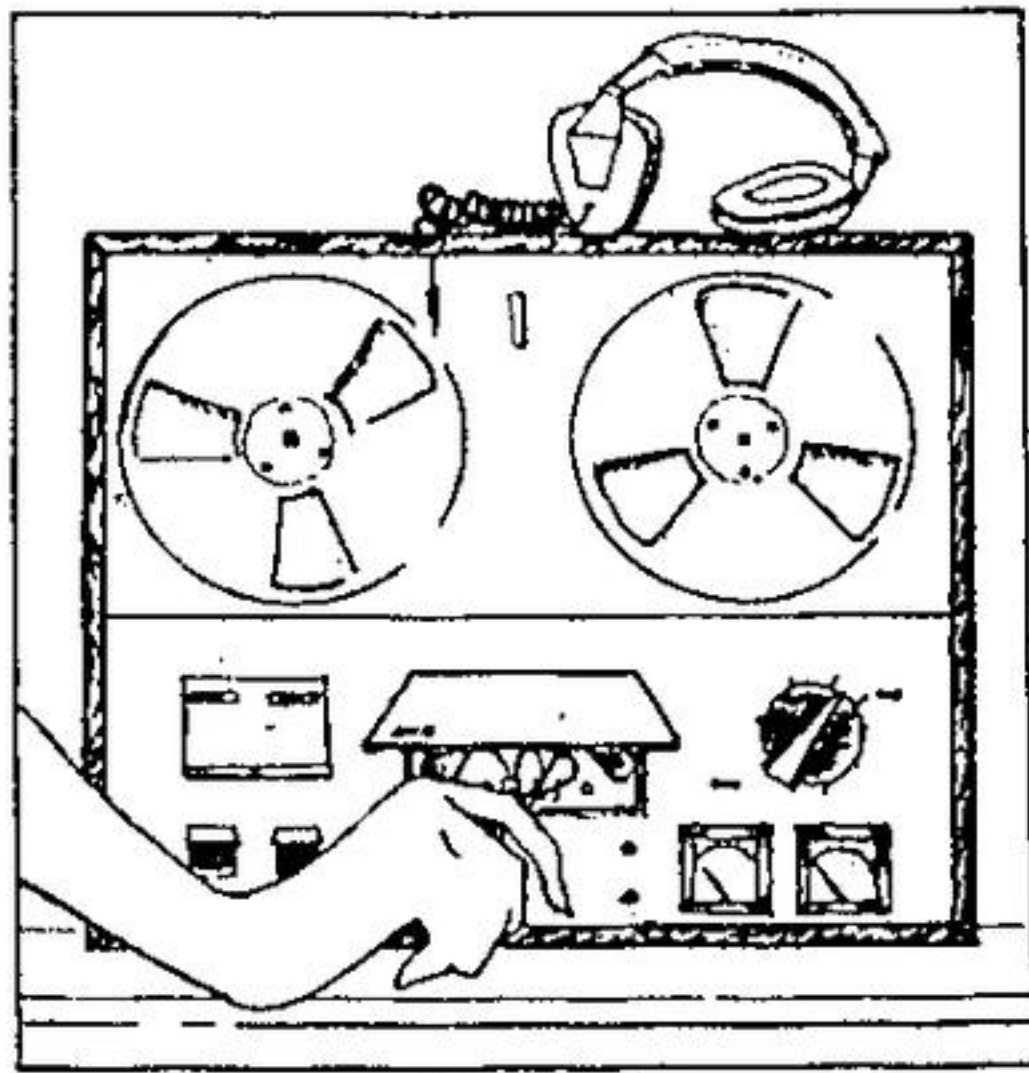
Moistened in detergent, cotton swabs will effectively clean doorbell nameplates.

Using cotton swabs makes it easy to clean the areas behind knobs and handles of a kitchen range.

To clean intricately cut crystal, dip a cotton swab in detergent ammonia. Then rinse in clear water.

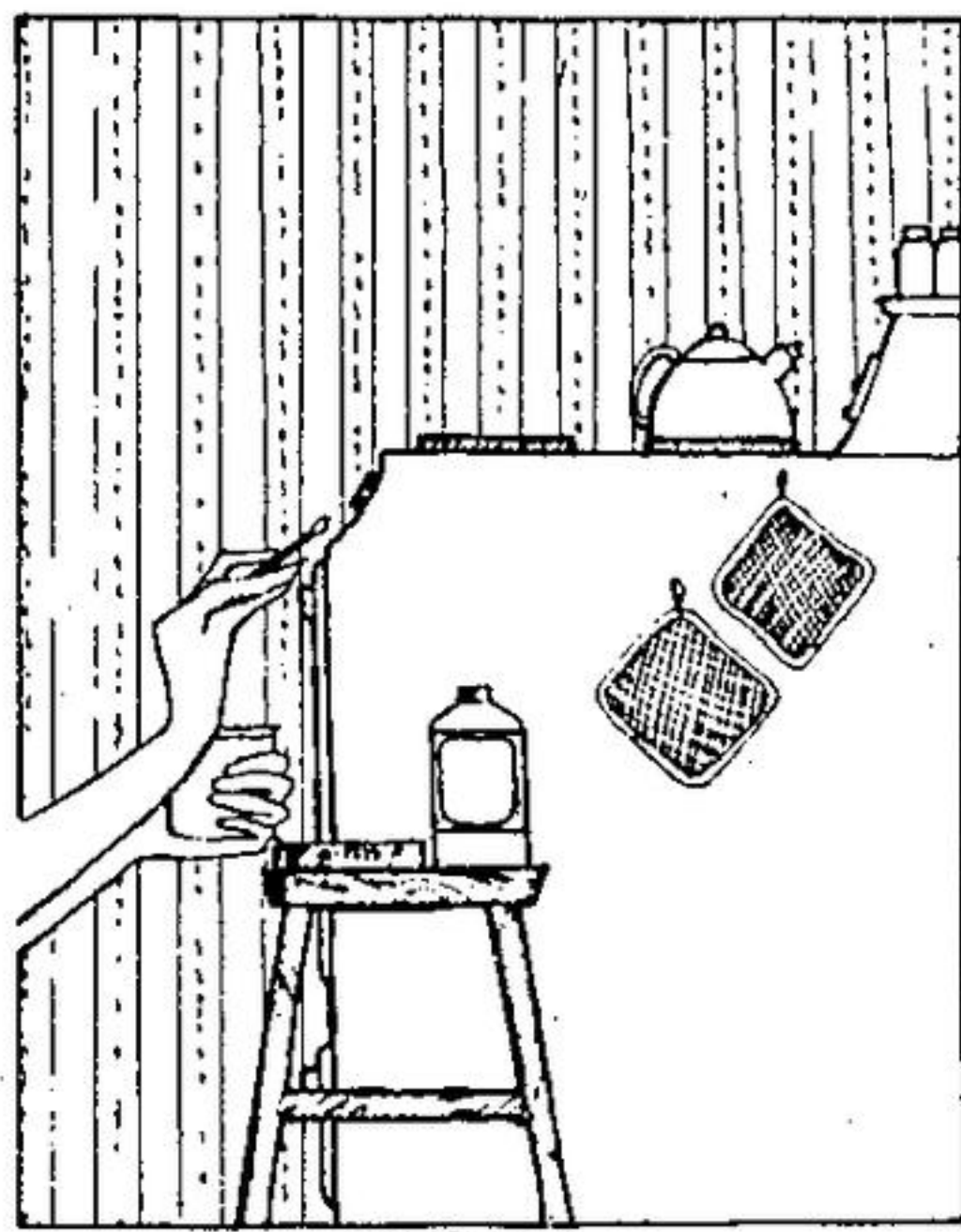
When staining louvered doors or shutters, cotton swabs easily slip between overlaps so you'll do a better job with less time and trouble.

Dipped in detergent, cotton swabs quickly clean dust and finger marks from the



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TO MAINTAIN PERFORMANCE QUALITY, stereo buffs clean small tape-recorder heads with a "Q-Tips" cotton swab. They have dozens of uses in and around the home and office.



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CLEAN BEHIND KNOBS and other hard-to-reach areas, easily. Using cotton swabs makes it easy to clean the areas behind door knobs and handles of a kitchen range. "Q-Tips" swabs have extra cotton in their tips.

dials of color telephones. "Q-Tips" cotton swabs have more of that soft, absorbent cotton than any other cotton swabs, so they do the job more efficiently.

To maintain performance quality, clean a small tape recorder head with a cotton swab.

Tiny fender rust spots can be easily covered by using a cotton swab to apply rust retardant, then aluminum paint. They also make hand-

dy applicators for glues and adhesives packaged without brushes. Do-it-yourself handymen can use cotton swabs to remove chips from blind drilled holes.

Fish tank air filters are easy to clean with a moistened cotton swab. They make handy, disposable brushes for painting small areas or small objects such as clipped parts of children's toys or French window corners.

In the kitchen, use cotton swabs to apply glaze to fruits and vegetables with no drip or mess, and to brush away crumbs before adding frosting to cakes.

When painting with poster paints and water colors, creative children can substitute disposable cotton swabs for paint brushes.

After any touch-up paint job, small splatters may be removed with a cotton swab saturated with turpentine.

Because of their size and sturdiness, cotton swabs are useful for cleaning the intricate grillwork and accessories on an automobile dashboard.

Birds caught in oil-polluted water are often aided by removing the oil from their feathers with cotton swabs. In fact, they're safe and gentle for all pet care.

LITTLE TIPS

Here's an idea. Before you throw out that used household item, see if you can think of another way to use it to make housekeeping an easier, more creative job.

Even that shopping bag from the local supermarket comes in handy for other chores besides containing the trash. If you're planning to paint a room, the paper sacks over the light fixtures in the room, to prevent paint from dripping on them. Oil (but clean) powder pulls come in for their share of utility too, as they make ideal polishers and buffers for your fine silverware.

Give your carpeting that shampoo it needs. Even if you vacuum regularly, ground-in soil and dirt could weaken and destroy carpet fibers.

Window remodelling worthwhile

Just because mortgage money is as tight as Jack Benny's wallet, it doesn't mean you have to continue living in an old-fashioned or crowded home. You can still get the home you want by remodeling at your present address.

And there are advantages to choosing remodeling over the purchase of a new home — some of them unforeseen. Remodeling can result in higher resale value, lower maintenance costs, a more modern appearance and added comfort in the home you have... all this without uprooting the family.

One very popular and worthwhile home improvement these days involves the simple step of replacing old windows with new ones. Top-quality windows enhance a home's appearance and add to the home's resale value. Tight-fitting windows with insulating glass can also mean more comfort and lower heating costs, an important consideration in these times of energy shortages.

Windows for home improvement are available in a wide range of styles and sizes. Andersen Corporation of Bayport, Minn., a leading window manufacturer, reports low-maintenance Perma-Shield casement, gliding and double-hung windows are big favorites of remodelers.

Modern, good quality windows can put an end to those days when homeowners must pry open sticking windows to clean glass or install storm sash. The use of double-pane insulating glass does away with the need for separate storm windows and the bothersome task of storing, maintaining and hanging them. It also means there are fewer glass surfaces to wash. If you hire a



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(TOP LEFT) "FACE-LIFTING" showing a new entrance, fresh siding and replacement of small or out-dated windows stripped years off this house, thanks mainly to Andersen Perma-Shield angle bay window. (RIGHT) shows house before remodeling. Comfortable and well-located it well deserved its remodeling.

window washer, windows with insulating glass can result in considerable savings in labor costs.

The current upsurge in home remodeling also has led to a greater increase in low-maintenance finishes, states the manufacturer. An example of this is the low-maintenance rigid vinyl sheath found on Perma-Shield windows. The rigid vinyl requires no painting.

Another remodeling project popular with homeowners is the installation of gliding doors with double-pane insulating safety glass. These doors, which are also avail-



able with low-maintenance rigid vinyl, are great for opening up backyards to informal outdoor living.

Homeowners who are interested in installing windows themselves can get

free help by writing Andersen Corporation, Dept. DYW, Bayport, Minn. 55003. They will receive a booklet on "How to Install Windows" and another on "How to Get Good Windows."

Drop-in range more economical

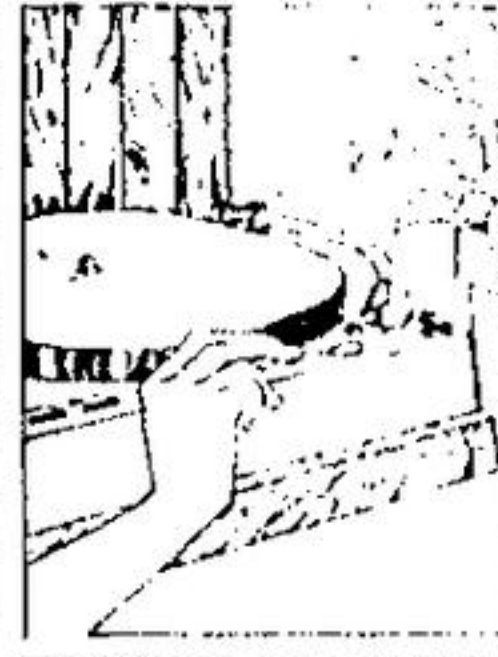
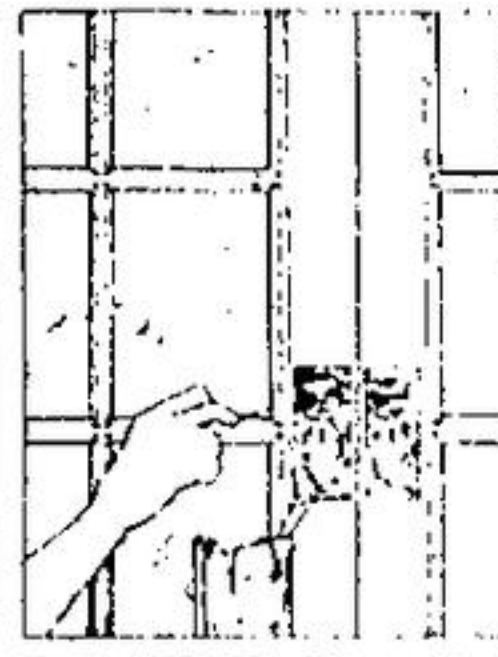
Cost-conscious remodelers — and that's just about everyone in these days of sky-high interest rates and scarce mortgages — will appreciate the economies possible by using a drop-in range in their kitchen modernization.

This type of electric range reduces both the amount of laminated countertop and floor tile needed. Since a drop-in range is an off-the-floor built-in, no floor covering is needed under it. And there's no hole to be cut in expensive countertop material and then thrown away; the range derives its name from the fact that it simply drops in between two countertop runs and is supported by them.

Hotpoint drop-in ranges have a brushed-chrome cooktop and backguard that are instant hits with most homemakers because of their durability and the ease of cleanup of these unavoidable spills and splatters. The porcelain-enamel finish oven door is available in decorator colors to match a hood or your other kitchen appliances.

The four electric surface units all have infinite controls, enabling the homemaker to adjust heat from a slow simmer to a fast boil. Also helping keep the range tidy is a self-cleaning oven on one model. It does the job automatically — while you sleep, if you like — for about 10 cents worth of electricity. Furthermore, the extra insulation in the Hotpoint self-cleaning range also saves you money during normal baking and roasting.

The only thing better than a fur-lined toilet seat in the Far North is a heated one, and a Department of Highways in the far north ordered an electrically warmed seat for engineers assigned to its main office.



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A DROP-IN RANGE with self-cleaning oven like this Hotpoint model can help shave costs when you're planning to update your kitchen.



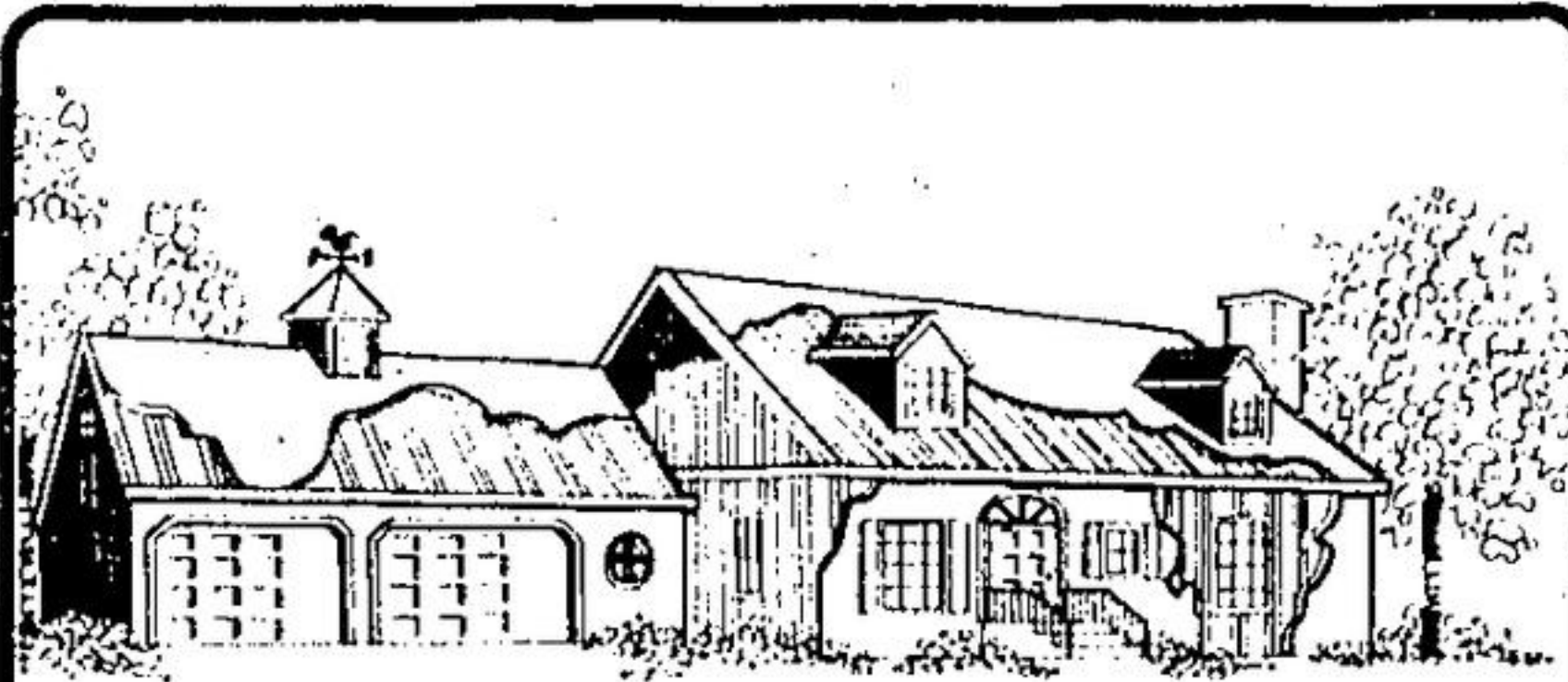
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TOUCH-UP PAINTING? Get right to the corners of such hard-to-reach areas as French windows. **REMOVE OIL** from feathers of birds caught in oil-polluted water. **CLEAN** the tiny, delicate parts of a phonograph record. **STAIN** a picture frame. **WRITE** bold, eye-catching notes. **JUST** a FEW of the ways Q-Tips cotton swabs help get the job done.

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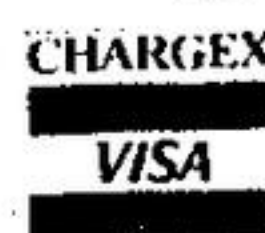
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