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QUICK FIX IN A PINCH

We all make mistakes. But don't fret! Caitlin, age 12, has inexpensive tips to get you out of an uh-oh jam.

Gum in your hair: Put the whites from two or three eggs in a bowl. Then dip your hair in the egg whites until your hair is really wet. Rub the gum right out!

Crayon on the walls: Set a hair-dryer on hot and let it

blow on a few spots at a time. Then, after a minute or so, rub the crayon off with a clean cloth.

Decals, glue or stickers on glass and furniture: Soak the area with vegetable oil and rub with a clean cloth or paper towel.

Ink stains on vinyl or wood: Dip a clean cloth in milk and rub the ink off.

Don't stress over your next mistake, just get rid of it!



TIRE PRESSURE

Save money by keeping the family car's tires properly inflated.

Some car manuals suggest a somewhat lower tire pressure for a softer ride. But that can cost you. Tires with not enough pressure create more resistance to the road. They also needlessly consume fuel.

Check the sticker on the door post. Most tires require 30 to 34 pounds per square inch (PSI). Buy a tire gauge to measure PSI. Keep your family's tires properly inflated and you'll be an Eco Warrior!

Proper inflation is even more important for bicycles because the amount of rubber touching the road is very small. This area, the "contact patch," keeps you in control and upright. Inflate your bike tires to the amount shown on the side of the tire.



MONEY TRICKS



Money Trick #4. Know your take-home pay

Before buying high-price items, figure out how much of your paycheck you're actually going to be able to spend.

Look at your net income, (commonly known as take-home pay), which is gross income minus deductions such as for taxes.