

A Nice Refreshing Cleaning Bucket – Perfect for Pet Odors

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As many of you know Al and I just recently were on vacation. Unfortunately, we had to leave our pets at home.

Well, when we are here the floors are mopped every couple of days to keep the air smelling fresh and dog odor free since we have two new pups. (They are almost 10 months old but remember they are puppies until they are 1 year!)

The folks that came in a couple times each day to see to our puppies, took care of the main messes (our dogs are litter box trained as they are small house dogs). But they didn't do the daily 'mopping' of the floors.

Most folks don't know that dogs and cats only perspire through their paw pads and so even though our dogs don't go out doors, their feet still do a 'number' on the floors. Our dogs do not drool, but some folks do have dogs that 'slobber' or drip water off their mouths after they have a drink.

Anyway, to keep our floors clean and fresh we use a wonderfully refreshing essential oil blend in our mop bucket. It is easy to mix and can be used on a daily basis if needed.

We don't let our pets walk on the floor while it is wet but even if they did the concentration of essential oils is so minimal that it would not harm them. Our advice though is to keep them (and yourself) off the wet floor until it dries.

Our Refreshing Floor Blend for the Mop Bucket

This makes a 32 oz bottle of floor cleaner that will last for several weeks to months depending on how often you mop the floors.

Mandarin – 5 mL
Lemon – 5mL
Bergamot FCF – 2mL
Tangerine – 2mL
Lime– 2mL
Litsea Cubeba – 2mL
Lemongrass– 2mL
Siberian Fir needle – 2mL
Pine needle – 2 mL
Coconut Emulsifier – 1 1/2 oz
All Purpose Cleaner – 30 oz

Blend the essential oils together in a glass bottle (or use a 100mL Glass Beaker) –

It will be almost 1 oz of essential oils then add the Coconut Emulsifier and shake well (or stir with a Stir Rod) to blend. Then add the entire mixture to the All Purpose Cleaner and shake well.

You will still need to shake this blended mix each time prior to adding it to your mop bucket. Even though there is emulsifier in this mix, it still likes to float on top of the All Purpose Cleaner a little. Simply shake it well before using.

Once this is blended all you need to add to your mop bucket is about 1-2 tablespoons to a 1 gallon or so of water. This works great at cleaning the floor and the floor will dry quickly too.

This Refreshing Mop blend is great for any type of cleaning. We have used it for washing walls and other types of cleaning too.

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