



Christmas tip

Don't pour hot fat from the turkey down the sink or you'll risk blocking the U-bend. Tip soda crystals down drains to keep them clear.



Shopping online

When buying from the web, safeguard your money as you would your handbag.



- ✓ **When completing transactions,** look for the padlock sign in the bottom right-hand corner of your screen – if it appears to be closed, your details should be safe.
- ✓ **Give your machine a free health check,** with Trend Micro HouseCall. It checks whether your computer has been infected by viruses, spyware, or other nasties.

Make guests welcome

- ✓ **Turn the lounge into a bedroom** with a self-inflating Aero Luxury Series AeroBed (above). Plug it in and wait 60 seconds for it to inflate. It's priced from £49.99 from Argos, Dreams, Furniture Village and John Lewis.
- ✓ **If you're lacking space** for those extra guests, John Lewis's Dizzy Chair Bed (£295) opens out to give you a single bed.
- ✓ **In the children's bedroom,** opt for a pullout single bed (£217) from MFI's Ice White range.



Extend your kitchen

- ✓ **If you're short on hob space,** invest in the Baby Belling Pronto – a rapid-heat tabletop induction hob – for around £89.99. Alternatively, dig out your old electric steamer or Crock-Pot slow cooker, priced at £49.99.
- ✓ **Free up space in the fridge** by stacking wine or beer bottles with a handy Fridge Monkey, £3.99 from Presents For Men.
- ✓ **Instantly ready for use,** these pop-up food covers (below; £2.99 and £3.79 from Lakeland) conveniently fold away for storage.



Coping with stains & smells

- ✓ **At Christmas,** bins work overtime and collections are less frequent. For lasting freshness, simply spray Zoflora Antibacterial Bin Freshening Gel, £2.99 for 300ml, to kill harmful bacteria in your kitchen, bathroom or wheelie bin and neutralise odours.
- ✓ **If the dye from a red serviette** runs onto your white tablecloth, Colour Catcher, £2.99 for 20 sheets, works wonders. The sheets attract the dye particles whatever the temperature or fabric.
- ✓ **Avoid a whiff of leftovers** when you open the fridge by placing some bicarbonate of soda, 99p for 350g, on a saucer in your fridge. Plus, make sure you cover strong-smelling foods. The Addis Clip And Close, from £1.29, is a space-saving, air- and liquid-tight container.
- ✓ **Don't throw white wine or salt** on spilled red wine. Instead, listen to the experts at The Woolsafe Organisation, who have approved 1001 Trouble Shooter, £2.39 for 500ml, and Bissell Oxy10C, around £9.99 for 397g, for use on synthetic and wool carpets.
- ✓ **Seasonal scents evoke some of the strongest emotions,** as smell is closely linked to memory. Ambi Pur's Evolution, £6.99, provides a changing scent for up to 90 days, and to complement the season, it's available in spicy Fireside Glow (below) or delicate Winter Dream.

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