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A DIY FIX FOR SHINY FLOORS (AND IT SMELLS AMAZING)

Everything looks and feels better when the floors are clean. Try this streak-free solution inspired by Melissa Maker, founder of the cleaning company Clean My Space. It refreshes floors and leaves a spalike scent. In a bucket, mix a gallon of hot water, a quarter cup of rubbing alcohol, and a pure essential oil, like citrus. Use about 10 drops of oil for tile and two or three drops for hardwood or laminate, as too much can leave a residue.

Dip your mop or pad mop in the solution and wring well (if it drips, it's too wet for hardwood). "A microfiber pad mop is ideal for most types of flooring because it's best at controlling moisture," says Patrick Redwood, manager of the quality and testing lab at the cleaning company Libman.

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