

uses for cornflour around the home

this handy starch is great for cooking, however it has many uses that are outside of the kitchen

Ease sunburn

A light paste made with water and cornflour can be dabbed on sunburnt skin to take away some of the pain and redness.

A light dusting of cornflour on your skin can reduce painful friction between your body and any material next to it, such as clothing or bed sheets.



An egg substitute

A mix of cornflour and water can replace an egg in many baked items.

The ratio varies between recipes but typically one tablespoon of cornflour and three tablespoons of water matches the liquid content of one egg. Ensure you dissolve the cornflour well in cold water to avoid lumps.



Make a deodorant

Cornflour's ability to absorb moisture, makes it an excellent ingredient for a natural deodorant. Mix equal amounts of cornflour and baking soda and apply with a large makeup brush or cotton balls.



Household cleaner

Shine up silver, with a thick water-and-cornflour paste, let it dry and then buff with a soft cloth. Remove furniture polish build-up on wood, sprinkle it on and add some elbow grease.

A glass cleaner can be made up with ¼ cup rubbing alcohol, ¼ cup white vinegar, one tbsp cornflour and two cups of warm water. Mix it up in a spray bottle and use on windows for a streak-free shine.



Combat blisters

Keep feet smooth and dry with a sprinkle of cornflour before slipping on shoes without socks. If you get a blister, cornflour can help with that too.

Blisters and sores often secrete small amounts of fluid, which can attract bacteria and lead to infection. Apply a small amount of cornflour to the wound to keep it clean and dry.



A dry shampoo

Excellent at soaking up oil, cornflour makes a great dry shampoo substitute. Mix two parts cornflour with one part baking soda, sprinkle close to your roots and brush through thoroughly. The solution will absorb grease and make your hair look and feel fresher. It also adds volume and can make hair look thicker.



Detangle dog fur

To avoid cutting out dog fur tangles, try rubbing a generous amount of cornflour into the tangled area and work it into the fur. Then use a grooming brush or comb to loosen the tangles and comb it through.



Ease bug bites

If you find yourself with a bug bite, mix up a thick paste of cornflour and water and apply it to the bite. You can even leave it on overnight to work its magic.