

# 63 (and counting) HACKS TO SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

	WHERE	HACK
1	In the community	Use a pool noodle to help you hold your cards while playing card games.
2	In the community	Print address labels and use on everything so you don't need to write. Saves time and provides instant information
3	In the community	Slip hair tie under can tab to help lift.
4	In the community	Fill a spray bottle with rubbing alcohol to spray on icy car windows.
5	In the community	Take bendy straws with you in a toothbrush holder. Helps drink without holding glass or makes soup less messy. Most places don't have bendy straws.
6	In the community	Use bathroom rugs for protection and comfort in cars, homes, community
7	In the community	Use Evernote on your phone to jot random thoughts or ideas
8	In the community	Use plastic boxes from the deli or salad bar at the grocery to avoid hard-to-open plastic produce bags.
9	In the house	Add metal nuts to pens or markers for weighted writing tool.
10	In the house	Instead of a tablecloth, use a twin fitted sheet. (Those tshirt kind work really well)
11	In the house	Make chair from exercise ball and pool noodle.
12	In the house	Make footies for chairs, canes and walkers with felt and rubber bands.
13	In the house	Store snacks in the empty Coffee Mate bottles.
14	In the house	Switch out the screws to your door's strike plate with longer screws--- much harder to break in to!
15	In the house	To help sliding glass doors, door hinges, and knobs apply Dawn soap.
16	In the house	Tub and Shower cleaner - Fill a spray bottle half full with white vinegar. Heat in the microwave. Fill the rest of the way with Dawn. Shake. Spray on your tub or shower walls and allow to sit for a few minutes. Rinse away gunk, slime and sludge and other build up.
17	In the house	Use a coat hanger to grab clothes from the back of the dryer or washing machine.
18	In the house	Wrap foam tubing around door handle to create lever that's easier to open.
19	In the kitchen	Add a teaspoon of baking soda to boiling water when making hard boiled eggs. Cook and then drain and let eggs cool. Makes peel come right off.
20	In the kitchen	Buy pre-cut vegies from the deli or salad bar to avoid waste and make preparation easy. A little more expensive, but you aren't paying for waste.
21	In the kitchen	Create a bag closure with top of plastic bottle and screw top.
22	In the kitchen	Cut fresh herbs into ice cube trays. Pour olive oil over them and freeze. Use to saute veggies or let melt on top of veggies or salad.
23	In the kitchen	Cut soft foods like cheese, breakfast rolls or cake with dental floss.
24	In the kitchen	Cut up ripe fruit before it goes bad and stick it in the freezer for smoothies or baking
25	In the kitchen	Decorate a cake by sprinkling sugar or sprinkles into cookie cutter or stencil.
26	In the kitchen	Freeze milk or creamer ice cubes to make delicious ice coffee.
27	In the kitchen	Hardboiled eggs by baking in muffin tin
28	In the kitchen	Hull strawberries with a straw.
29	In the kitchen	Keep cookies fresher and softer longer by adding a slice of bread to zip lock bag of cookies.
30	In the kitchen	Keep eggs fresh longer by oiling them when you get them home from the grocery.
31	In the kitchen	Keep syran wrap in the refrigerator to reduce annoying cling as you pull it out to use.
32	In the kitchen	Make a large batch of oatmeal and freeze in muffin tin. Once frozen, pop into a zip lock bag.

33	In the kitchen	Make pancake batter in cleaned out ketchup bottle using funnel. Shake and squeeze onto hot griddle.
34	In the kitchen	Pit cherries with a chopstick and a bottle.
35	In the kitchen	Pit cherries with a funnel turned upside down.
36	In the kitchen	Poach eggs individually by using muffin tin. Place 1 tablespoon of water in each cup. Break an egg into each cup. Bake 13 minutes at 350 degrees.
37	In the kitchen	Pour melted chocolate into mini muffin cups and add a whole strawberry. Chill. Remove for an easy to make chocolate covered strawberries.
38	In the kitchen	Reuse pickle juice. Parboil vegies and keep in juice for quick pickling.
39	In the kitchen	Seed a pomegranate: cut in half, turn it cut side down and beat it with a spoon.
40	In the kitchen	Separate egg white from yolk by breaking onto a plate. The with an empty water bottle squeezed lightly, place over yolk and release. Yolk will enter bottle.
41	In the kitchen	Slice cherry tomatoes or pitted olives by placing them between 2 plastic lids, hold the top lid down and slice knife between the lids.
42	In the kitchen	Use a straw to suck out the air in a bag of food for the freezer.
43	In the kitchen	To keep bugs out of your beverage, use cupcake papers on top of drinking glass and stick straw through it .
44	In the kitchen	Use egg slicer to slice strawberries.
45	In the kitchen	Use ice cube trays or popsicle trays to freeze chicken broth. Remove frozen broth and place in a ziplock plastic bag for handy individual servings.
46	In the kitchen	Use metal cookies cutters to make fun pancakes.
47	In the kitchen	Use pizza cutter to cut sandwiches and pancakes or waffles.
48	In the kitchen	Use tongs backwards to squeeze a cut lemon.
49	In the kitchen	Using a muffin pan, pour soup into each cup and freeze at least overnight. Then remove and place in a ziplock plastic bag. Remove each one as you need to heat up a single serving without mess.
50	In the kitchen	Wrap banana crowns with saran wrap to keep fresher longer.
51	In the kitchen	Wrap celery in foil to keep fresher longer.
52	Misc	Clean eyeglasses with Dawn to prevent them from fogging up.
53	Misc	Clean motor oil stains from driveways like this: first sprinkle kitty litter on the spot. Then use a scrub broom and a solution of Dawn and warm water.
54	Misc	For icy steps and sidewalks in freezing temperatures - Mix 1 tsp of <b>Dawn</b> dish soap, 1 Tbsp of rubbing alcohol, and 1/2 gallon of warm water. Pour over sidewalk. They won't refreeze
55	Misc	Keep aphids, spider mites and mealy bugs off your houseplants by spraying them with a drop of Dawn mixed with water in a spray bottle.
56	Misc	Learn to tie shoes with laces of two colors
57	Misc	Make an ice pack by partially filling a sandwich bag with Dawn dish soap, close and freeze. It can be refrozen many times and will conform to the place you need it.
58	Misc	Poison Ivy? Wash the affected area with Dawn soap which will help dry up the oil that spreads the poison.
59	Misc	Repel ants with a spray bottle of water and Dawn.
60	Misc	Repurpose foam curlers to put around handles of flatware, toothbrushes, etc
61	Misc	Set alarm on phone to remind you to start or stop doing a task.
62	Misc	Soak fingers in Dawn dish soap to soften cuticles and remove natural oil from fingernails so your polish adheres better.
63	Misc	Stick a pencil through a tennis ball to make it an easier grip.