spring cleaning with a toddler

□washer/dryer

home remedy or store bought doesn't matter - just get a good scrub inside and out!

toddler tip: play with Tupperware or have them help throw things in trashcan

□ pantry/fridge

check expiration dates, take shelves out and wipe down, defrost the freezer

□appliances

oven(s), microwave, dishwasher, stove

□ dust

fan blades, pictures, tv's, above cabinets, everywhere! toddler tip:

give them a clean sock or duster too to help

—counter tops

scrub a dub dub! remember those breakfast bars and art niches

□base boards

use a bucket of soapy water and soft sponge to wipe them down

toddler tip:

chase them, have them point out the next pile, ask them to take you on a tour of the house

□Vacuum

under the beds, under/behind dressers and couches, between washer & dryer, everywhere!

□mop/deep clean rugs

remember behind the toilet, lift up and move dressers, baskets, etc.

laundry

do smaller loads beginning in the morning so you spend less time folding in one session (you'll be more likely to actually fold and be able to get back to fun toddler things more quickly)

toddler tip:

ask them to put clothes into

the washer and take out of the dryer

bathrooms

toddler tip. toilets, showers (get the old do this one during toothbrush for the grout!), bathtubs nap time!

□ junk drawer(s)

office, kitchen, playroom

find an item or two from the drawer that's safe for them to play with

toddler tip:

this is a great one to tag team with your partner so you can remove the car seats and get a deep clean

cars

wash, vacuum, shampoo the rugs, restock diaper bags

windows/doors/mirrors

inside and outside of doors and windows & make sure to dust mirrors before using a spray cleaner!

□closet(s)

clear out those old clothes and organize what's left

toddler tip: let them play dress up with your pile of old clothes (SCAYVES & Shoes are our favorites)

toddler tip:

start at the top of their nap time and begin closest to their room or play area so when they wake it's dry

□touch up paint

take it paint by paint, room by room and scan top to bottom

