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RENOVATION TOOLBOX

WINDOW CLEANING TIPS:
Avoid washing your windows in direct sunlight—it can heat the glass and cause streaks. Instead, use bright days for vacuuming up dust, and wait for cloudy skies to start cleaning.

1 SIMPLICITY IS KEY TO GETTING EVERY WINDOW PANE SPARKLING **crystal clear**

1 It always helps to have a gorgeous **WINDOW** (\$175, The Door Store) to inspire your cleaning frenzy, while a multi-pocketed **UTILITY APRON** (\$24, Restoration Hardware) keeps clothes free of splashes. A Eureka EZ Kleen **VACUUM** (\$119, The Bay) sucks up dust to get your window cleaning duties off to a fresh start.

2 This Ultra Light (only eight pounds!) **4-STEP LADDER** takes you to new heights without the heft (from \$99, Polder).

3 Stanley's **WINDOW SCRAPER** (\$4.99, Home Hardware) eradicates paint from panes, while the cleaning classics make it all seem easy—**WINDEX** (\$4.69, The Home Depot) shines through every time.

4 Pantry alert! **VINEGAR AND NEWSPAPER** have long held iconic status for being a streak-free way to clean glass, with the bonus of having all your tools already at your fingertips.

5 Forget about the pervasive lint and dust remnants left by rags—Casabella's **GLASS MAGNET CLOTH** (\$7.99, Linens 'N Things) has microfibres to prevent fluff, while a **SIMONIZ CHAMOIS** (from \$11.99, Canadian Tire) sops up any liquid left behind.

6 Hope's **PERFECT GLASS CLEANSER**, \$7.99, Linens 'N Things) is beloved by environmentally aware homeowners for its lack of ammonia. Check out the company's website for tips for getting glass perfectly clean (www.hopecompany.com).

7 Have some fun with the Extension Genuine **OSTRICH DUSTER** (\$39.99, Linens 'N Things). Large, soft feathers reach way up to get at all those corner cobwebs you can't bear to touch.

8 Don't forget to protect hands from cleaners and newsprint with **GLOVES** (\$5.99, Canadian Tire), and grab an **EXTENDABLE SQUEEGEE** (\$6.99, Home Hardware) for heavy-duty outdoor scrubbing needs.

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