



# 6 Ways to look like a Domestic Diva

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## 1. Make homemade lemonade.

All that is required is 1 cup lemon juice (fresh squeezed or bottled), 1 cup sugar (more or less to taste—we southern girls like more), and water. In 2 quart pitcher, dissolve sugar in lemon juice and a small amount of warm water. Once dissolved, fill pitcher to the top with cool water and ice. Stir. Enjoy. Accept rave reviews.

## 2. Serve moist cake.

Use a boxed cake mix that includes pudding in the mix. Immediately upon taking baked cake out of the oven, place the cake in the freezer for 20 minutes to lock in the moisture. Mmm. Cake.

## 3. Choose the right plants.

If you kill all things green, there may be no hope for you! But give yourself a leg up by choosing these plants: for hardiness outdoors (withstands heat and drought) choose Vinca. For indoor tenacity, stick with Pothos (requires little light).

## 4. Water outdoor potted plants with ice cubes.

The ice cubes melt slowly, which helps the water to penetrate the soil better. This also minimizes soil loss that can occur when plants are watered from a pitcher.

## 5. Re-purpose your old toothbrush.

These tiny treasures can clean a multiplicity of household messes! Just be sure to put them back in the cleaning bin, as opposed to your husband's toiletry kit.

## 6. On short notice, splash pine cleaner.

No time to adequately clean for the white glove test? Guests dropping by in five minutes or less? Quick! Grab the pine cleaner and use an ample dollop in the toilets and sinks. They'll think you've been cleaning for hours!

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