

Fidget Spinner
Mini Guide: How to Clean and Store
Your Fidget Spinners.

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Chapter 1: How To Clean Your Spinners

Because dirt can so easily get caught in the bearings, causing them to glide poorly and with an audible hum, spinners need to be cleaning somewhat frequently. Don't worry. The process is easy and we'll walk you through it step-by-step. Plus, this is an excellent skill to have if you're into riding skateboards, which also utilize bearings in the wheels.

You will need dish soap, a bottle of rubbing alcohol, a clean cloth, and a means of moving air quickly. This last thing could be a can of a hair dryer or an air compressor, with the hair dryer being the preferred choice.

Steps

DISASSEMBLE: Remove the caps and bearings from your spinner cage.

WATER: Place a salad bowl in the bottom of the sink and start running the water. The temperature should be very warm, but not warm enough to burn you. Hold your caps and bearings under the running water to rinse away dirt and grease. The bowl is in place to keep your components from falling down the drain in the event should drop them.

SOAP: Turn the water off and squirt some dish soap in your hands and start rubbing it over the caps and bearings. Get it nice and soapy, using your fingers to scrub every surface and knock the stubborn dirt free.

RINSE: Rinse the components under the warm water to wash away the soap and dirt. It helps if you spin the bearings while you're doing this.

ALCOHOL: Dash a little bit of rubbing alcohol over the bearings, especially in the centers, and spin them some more.

DRY: Use a dry cloth to gently dry the bearings and caps. Then, turn your hair dryer on and dry the components. It's particularly important to get the centers of the bearings nice and dry. When you're done, feel free to sit the caps and bearings on the cloth and let them air dry a little more.

Chapter 2. How To Store Your Collection

Jewelry boxes work great for storing fidget spinners, as long as the individual compartments are large enough. Another good option is a drawer organizer. People use these **organizers** for storing all sorts of things, from men's ties to baby shoes. Pick an organizer that will fit inside of an empty drawer and has compartments that can hold spinners.

Another idea is to have individual **clamshell cases** with foam inside for each spinner. This is quite a sophisticated way to store your toys. If you want to show them off on your dresser or table, pick clear boxes. That way they stay safe, but you can still admire them every time you walk past.

The safest, most heavy-duty option is a hard case with foam slots. You may have to repurpose a hard-sided case that housed something else, or browse the internet looking for one that will fit spinners. This is by far, the best option for people who plan to travel with spinners, whether it's around town or by plane.

The purpose of storing fidget spinners nicely, as opposed to just chucking them in an 'everything drawer' (we all have one), or the front pocket of your backpack, is to keep them safe and clean. You read the 6-step list above on how to clean your spinners. While it's not a particularly tedious task, you don't want to be doing that every few days, now do you? Plus, bearings do gradually wear down over time. You can clean them over and over, but after a long time, they will remain scratched and may possibly need replacing.

It's not just the bearings that need protecting. What about that fancy custom paint job you spent half of a Saturday doing? Extend the lifetime of your spinners by taking care of them to begin with. Waste not, want not!

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