

## 25 Uses for Coffee Filters

Sturdier than paper towels and cheaper too, here are some good ideas for when you need a disposable option. Remember, reducing waste helps the environment so try to use a reusable option whenever possible. For many of these, the filter can be composted at the end of its use.

You can buy 1,000 at the “Dollar Store” ... so get some large ones

### Kitchen

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
3. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
4. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
5. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
6. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
7. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
8. Put a few on a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them. They will soak up all the grease.
9. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
10. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
11. Use as a disposable ‘snack bowl’ for popcorn, chips, etc.
12. Hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having extra bowls to wash. Compost when finished.

### Bathroom

13. Don't use expensive strips to wax eyebrows ... use strips from coffee filters.
14. Use to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
15. Shaving issues? They make great ‘razor nick fixers’.

### Cleaning

16. Clean windows, mirrors, chrome ... coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
17. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
18. Put baking soda in a coffee filter and insert it into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.

## Household / Miscellaneous

19. Protect China – separate your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
20. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot through the drainage holes. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter before putting in the soil.
21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use as a sewing backing. A coffee filter is an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.
23. Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.
24. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggie until they sprout.
25. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place flowers between two filters and put them into a phone book.

AND DON'T FORGET, THEY ARE GREAT TO USE IN YOUR COFFEE MAKER TOO!