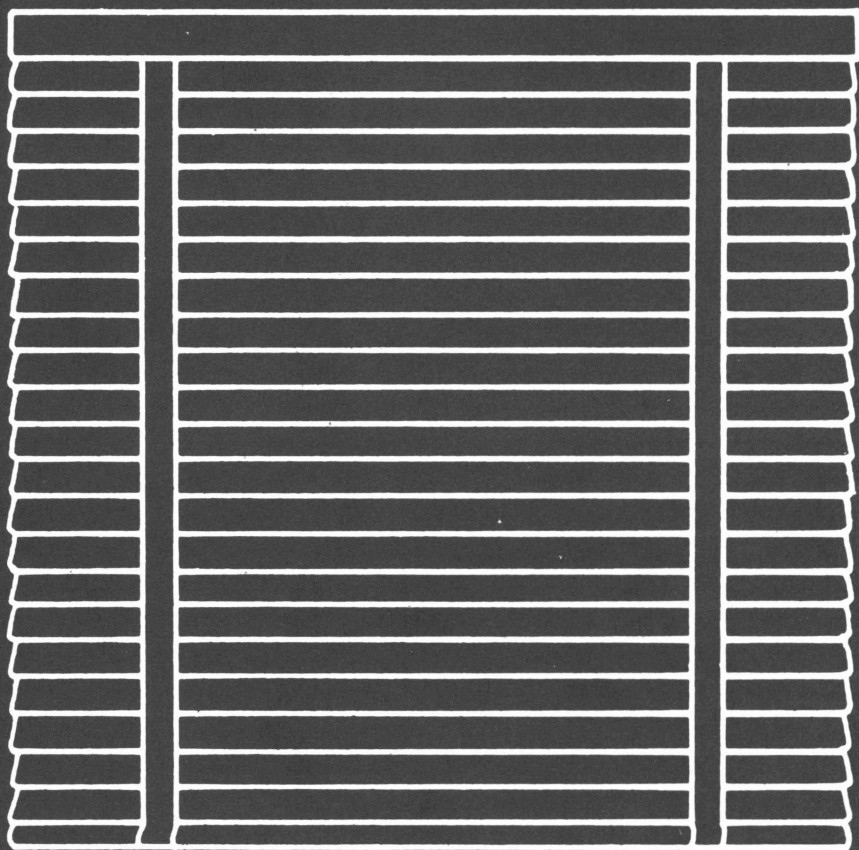


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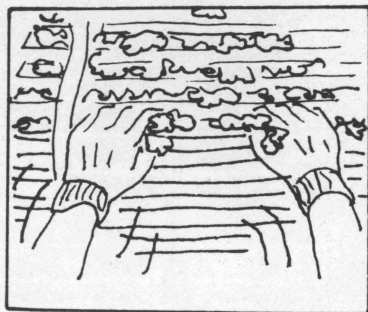
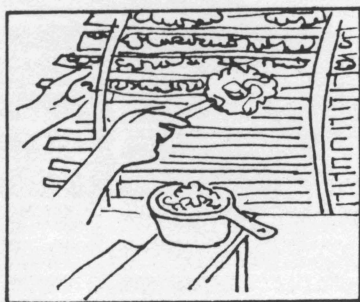
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You can postpone large-scale cleaning of venetian blinds by preventing a heavy buildup of dust and dirt. Less dust collects on slats if they are kept slightly tilted.

Dust venetian blinds frequently. Use a vacuum cleaner tool, or dust them with a cloth in each hand or by wearing soft, cotton gloves.

To clean while they are still hanging, tilt the slats forward so your wrists are in a comfortable position while working. Wash slats with a solution of warm water and mild detergent or commercial cleaner. Rinse and wipe dry.

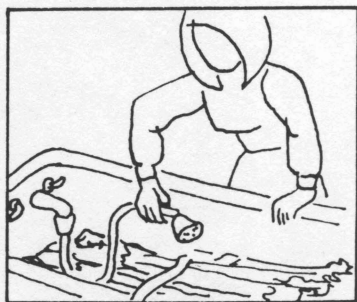
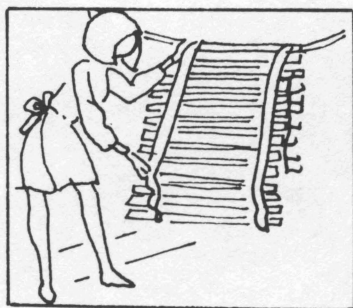
Scrub tapes and cords with a brush, using upholstery cleaner or dry-cleaning fluid.



Some people like to wash venetian blinds in the bathtub. Blinds with plastic tapes wash quickly and easily this way. Those with cotton tapes may take a little longer. Use warm water with detergent. Work as fast as possible to avoid soaking the wooden slats at the top and bottom. You may need to paint these slats occasionally.

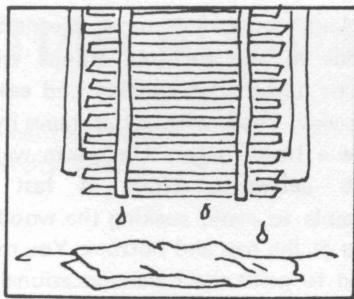
apply the wax. You can clean and apply the wax to both sides of the slats at the same time. Mitts with a thumb and forefinger can be made easily from soft cloth.

To avoid a mess in the house, some homemakers prefer to wash blinds outside on the clothes line or on the side of a building. Take care not to damage the shades.



To clean and wax venetian blinds in one operation, use a creamy commercial cleaning wax. Try wearing mitts to

If blinds are dried on the window, put several layers of newspaper on the floor to protect it from the water.



- Weekly dusting makes major blind cleaning a seasonal job.
- Blinds left on a slant collect less dust and soil than blinds left flat.
- Blinds should be cleaned quickly to avoid damaging the wood.

Reference

How to Wash Venetian Blinds, Cleanliness Bureau, 40 East 41st Street, New York, N. Y. 10017.

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