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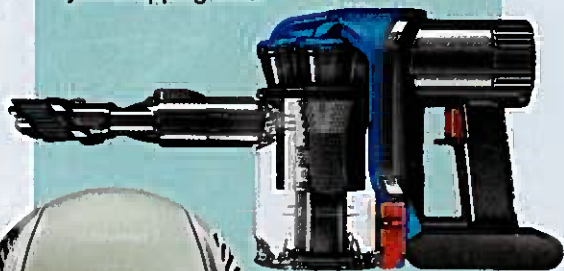
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Cleaning solutions

Make a clean sweep of floors

- **Cut down on the cleaning** by keeping dirt outside. The Magic Carpet door mat, £9.99 from JML, absorbs at least one litre of water and it can go in the washing machine.
- **Cordless gadgets** are a godsend for quick clean-ups. Dyson hand-held cleaners have broken new ground with a digital motor. It means suction that stays high, a lighter weight and a longer running time. We liked its powerful pick up and portability. The DC31 range starts from £139.99.
- **Robot vacuum cleaners** that clean by themselves are the ultimate time-saver. Try to find one with as large a dust capacity as possible. The iRobot from Lakeland costs around £300 or the Electrolux Trilobite, is more sophisticated, at £999. If you prefer to do the hard work, bagless cleaners save time and money as you don't have to fiddle around buying and fitting replacement bags. Many come with lifetime washable filters, saving you shopping time.



ABOVE: The handheld DC31, £139.99, Dyson
LEFT: Trilobite, £999, Electrolux

TIP So much of home work is repetitive. Cut down on the washing by giving each family member their own coloured glass during the weekend or summer holidays - a quick swish round between uses suffices. You can wash them all up properly at the end of the day.

WHAT'S COOKING?

No need to make a meal of cooking with these tips

- Clever gadgets can work magic in the kitchen. We like the Joseph Joseph Scoop Colander (£8, above right) - it allows you to drain veg from the pan as you lift it out. The Uni Tool (£8, below) is a multi-function kitchen implement that has five functions - including strainer and spatula, to save time on washing up.
- One-pot cooking is the secret for preparing a speedy supper. It comes

in several guises from speed cooking woks and counter-top halogen ovens for around £59.99 at JML (below right), to kitchen stalwarts such as dishwasher proof cookware from Tesco.

- Russell Hobbs Quick 2 range includes a toaster (below centre) for £49.99, operates twice as fast as a conventional toaster.



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