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We use baby wipes because they're water based and skin safe. Don't use cleaning wipes that have chemicals that would hurt a person's eyes.
We soak them with water and a drizzle of baby shampoo, which helps break up oils and doesn't irritate eyes like normal soap would.
Everyone should have a baggie of these wipes in their pocket.