Title: BROOM AND DUSTPAN COMBINATION AND KIT FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTING THE SAME

Abstract: A kit (11) includes the combination of an stand-up dustpan (13) having a length of approximately 107.5 cm and a less than full-sized broom (15) having a length of approximately 84.8 cm. The floor cleaning kit (11) also includes an enclosed box-shaped container (17) shaped to define an interior cavity (227) into which the dustpan (13) and broom (15), when they are disassembled, can be disposed, the container (17) having a length of approximately 36.8 cm, a width of approximately 32.6 cm and a depth of approximately 10.9 cm. Each of the dustpan (13) and the broom (15) includes a handle (20, 87) comprising at least two independent sections which are adapted to be coupled together. The container (17) includes a rear panel (123), a front panel (119), a pair of side panels (117, 121), a top panel (135) and a bottom panel (137) which together define the enclosed interior cavity (227). The container (17) additionally includes a partition (189) which at least partially subdivides the enclosed interior cavity (227) into an upper chamber (229) and a lower chamber (231).
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