

How to Easily Polish Your Dress Shoes

Do you have dirty dress shoes you wish would just shine like they used to? Wiping them with a paper towel doesn't cut it anymore? Look no further, there's no need to go get a shoe shine on the corner of the street. When you are finished reading this guide you'll be able to keep your shoes looking just like they came out of the store.

Polishing your shoes is a simple task that takes no longer than 30 minutes to finish. No prior shoe caretaking knowledge is necessary at all. Please note that this guide is intended to work with shiny style dress shoes.

Requirements:

- Dirty or Old Shoes
- One or two Rags
- Shoe Polish in the same color of your shoes
- Horsehair Shoe Shining Brush
- Newspaper or Towel (to polish shoes on)
- Old Shirt (to wipe off dirt)

Step One: Cleaning the Shoes

Take your old shirt and moisten it with warm or cold water in the sink until it is lightly damp. Sit down and pick up your shoe. Place your non dominant hand inside of the shoe, with your palm facing up, so that you are able to maneuver it easily.

The goal is to be able to easily wipe off the dirt around the shoes. Take the damp shirt in your dominant hand and wipe the dirt off of the shoe until there is no more visible grime.

Make sure that all shiny parts of the shoe have their dirt wiped off them as the polish will be applied to this area. You definitely wouldn't want to polish dirt, what would be the point?

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Put the old cloth down and wipe the shoe with the clean rag so that it is dry, place the now clean shoe down and repeat the cleaning process with your other shoe. Wait a minute or two for all excess moisture to leave the shoe.

Step Two: Applying the Polish

Place some newspaper or a towel down in the area you cleaned your shoes in. This is important as it will prevent the polish from getting into your furniture or floor. Try not to get polish on your clothing as it is hard to get it out.

Open your jar of shoe polish and rub a small amount onto your clean rag. There should be just a little on the rag as too much won't get you the shine you're looking for. Place your hand into the shoe exactly as you did before while wiping the dirt off.

Now rub the polish into the shoe in a circular motion applying an even coat along all shiny parts of the shoe. Do not polish the area around the shoe laces if it not made of the shiny material the rest of the shoe is made of.

If you run out of polish, feel free to apply some more to the rag. When you are done with the first shoe, place it down on the newspaper and apply the same process to the other shoe.

Step Three: Buffing the Shoes

Pick up the shoes in the position mentioned before. With your dominant hand, take your shining brush and rub the polish with the brush in a circular motion, similar to the way you applied the polish. Do not be afraid to add force when brushing.

You want to make it so that the polish is matte on the shoes, with no splotches or bumps on the shoes. When you have completely brushed the shoe place it down and perform the same process to the other shoe.

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After you are done with brushing pick up one shoe and a clean rag. With the rag, wipe the polish off the shoe. When removed, the shoes should shine like they once did before.