

## POLISH SHOES

You know, my Grandpapa used to tell me you could tell a lot about people by the state of their shoes. He would always insist that our shoes were cleaned and polished. I didn't really understand it then. But now I am older, I'll say you can tell the person who cares about their appearance, whether they take care of their stuff. Those things are important.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

Polish three pairs of shoes and make them look beautiful once more.

So, how do you take care of shoes? Well, if they are dress shoes, you know those nice leather shoes maybe black or brown, you can make them look as good as new and here's how.

1. Before you begin you'll want to set up a cleaning area. Polishing shoes can be very messy and it can make a mess of a carpet for sure. So laying down newspaper or a similar protection for the floor or table is a good move.
2. To begin with, you'll want to clean the shoes, get any dirt or dust off of them, so they are generally clean. This won't help scuffs and marks. That is coming next.
3. Next, you'll need a shoe polish, which matches the shoe color, and a couple of rags. If you use a wax, it will not only clean and protect the leather. It will also feed the leather (this means to add moisture back in) and keep it supple, which prevents cracking.
4. Apply the polish to the cloth and liberally rub it into the surface of the shoe.
5. Once you have rubbed polish over the surface of the shoe, take a clean rag and polish the shoe. This will rub the excess polish off of the shoe and get you a wonderful sheen.



These instructions are general instructions for shoe polishing. Of course, not all shoes can be polished. These instructions are not for running shoes, wet look (shiny) dress shoes, or suede, which have different methods of cleaning.