

How to Polish Shoes

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You will need:

Polish – Start with neutral wax polish if you have lots of different coloured shoes because it can be used on all colours. If you have all black or brown shoes, then buy black or brown.

Buffing cloth – You can buy special buffing cloths where they sell polish, but I just use a soft, old t-shirt

Shoe brushes - one for applying the polish, one for buffing off



You'll find all the supplies for cleaning your shoes in the cleaning aisle of your supermarket. Try to stay away from the liquid polishes. Convenient they may be, but they don't protect the leather of your shoes and can cause it to dry and crack before it's time.

Directions:

- **Work on newspaper** because it could be messy.
- **With a slightly damp cloth**, clean shoes of any mud or dirt. You can also use a brush to brush them.
- **Open the can of shoe polish and put about a teaspoon of water in the lid.**
- **Using the application brush**, rub it lightly over the top of the polish and then dip slightly into the water in the lid.
- **Using a circular motion**, rub polish on to the shoe moving around the shoe and re-dipping in wax and water as needed.
- **Set aside and let dry** (about 15 minutes). This is important for a good shine.
- **When dry brush briskly with shoe brush.**
- **Buff briskly** with soft cloth to shine.

Following these easy steps, you can learn to shine shoes in no time!

Keeping your shoes polished nourishes and protects the leather and helps to maintain colour and waterproofing.

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