



# Polish your shoes

**SHINY SHOES**

In the 19th century, people made shoe polish from beeswax and soot.



School shoes can quickly get scruffy.

## What you need

- An old sheet or newspaper
- A hard shoe brush
- Two soft cloths (an old T-shirt or pants will do)
- A little water
- Shoe polish

Stepping out in a new pair of shoes at the start of the school year is a fantastic feeling but it doesn't last for long. Running around the playground and playing in the park in the grass and mud can leave your school shoes looking scruffy. Learning how to polish your shoes is a handy skill that will keep them

looking smart and make them last longer by keeping them waterproof. Once you get the hang of it, you'll find it doesn't take much time at all. You might even offer to polish your family's footwear too. Simply follow this step-by-step tutorial and learn how to transform your shoes from scuffed to shiny.

## TOP TIP

Polishing shoes can be messy. Wear old clothes and roll up your sleeves before you start.

## 1 Prepare the workspace

Find a place where you can clean your shoes (ideally on a hard floor). Protect your workspace with a sheet or some newspaper. To avoid getting polish on your shoelaces, remove them and put them aside.



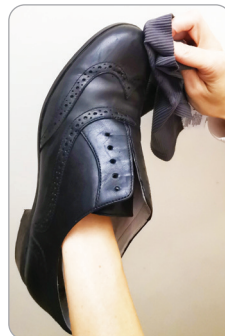
## 2 Brush off the dirt and dust

Put one hand in a shoe. Now take the shoe brush with the other hand. Use the brush to remove any dirt or dust from the shoes. Don't forget to brush the sole (the bottom of your shoe) and the shoelaces, as these can get dirty too.



## 3 Clean off the shoes

Now take one of the cloths. Dampen it with a little water. If you rub polish into dirty shoes you could damage the leather. Wipe your shoes clean. You can use this cloth to clean your shoelaces, too.



## 4 Polish the leather

Now it's time for the polish. Take a dry cloth and dip it into the polish. Using slow, circular movements, rub polish onto each shoe. Get more polish as you need it. Leave the shoes to dry for around 20 minutes.



## 5 Buff to a shine

Once the polish has been absorbed into your shoes, it's time to buff them. Take the brush and give each shoe a really good rub. This will take a few minutes. The shoes should now start to look shiny.



## 6 Boost that gloss

For a deep shine, try this extra step: take your cloth and put a bit of extra polish on it. Rub this into the toes of the shoes and shine them with a clean bit of the cloth. Your shoes will look as good as new.



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