



# How to Repair A Scuffed Dress Shoe

This guide will show you how to repair/cover up a scuff mark on your dress shoe. This also works for more than just dress shoes.

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## INTRODUCTION

In this guide, you will learn how to repair a dress shoe, using store-bought polish, and other items found within your home.

If you have been going out to formal events, are in CAP/JROTC/military organization, or simply got a scuff on your dress shoe? Using the steps within this guide, you will learn how to use shoe polish to cover-up an unruly mark and return your shoes back to their beautiful shine.

The strategies in this guide are also universal and could assist you with more than a dress shoe, ie, boots, corframs, and other items that fall under this repair. Do note that most shoe polish does have a very strong odor. It will also stain personal items very easily. If you do happen to get a stain, refer to the following site, [Shoe Polish Removal](#).

Shoe polish makes this a quick fix! When mixed with friction and a consistent shining strategy, and a little work, you will get a shine that's good as new.

Before beginning this guide, make sure you are in a well-ventilated location.

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### TOOLS:

- [Shoe Polish](#) (1)
  - [Cotton cloth](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — How to Repair A Scuffed Dress Shoe



- Remove the laces from your shoe.

**i** This allows you to clean more surface area that laces usually block.

## Step 2



- Clean your shoe, removing any dust or dirt that may be stuck to its surface.

**i** This can be done with a cloth or damp paper towel.

### Step 3



- Locate the scuffed areas and apply a generous amount of polish to your cotton cloth.

**⚠** Most shoe polish will easily stain, clothing, carpet, and generally anything it gets on. It's recommended putting a towel, or disposable materials underneath to prevent damage.

### Step 4



- Using your cotton cloth, carefully dip it in water, then firmly press the cloth where the polish is applied.
- Buff the location.
- i** You do not need to use a separate cloth for this process. In fact its better to use the same cloth for both the water and the shoe shine.
- i** A good strategy when buffing is to rotate the cloth in little circles while pressing against the shoe. You will need to spend approximately 2-3 minutes, for every inch of material, or until satisfied.

## Step 5



- Apply another coat of shoe polish as needed. If you are finished, continue ahead.
- Wipe the area; using a clean cloth and let it sit out to dry.
- ⓘ You should set the shoe out in an open and ventilated area.

## Step 6



- After following the previous steps, you can reapply as needed until the scuffed area matches the surrounding materials.
- ⓘ If you do not have corframs (high gloss) shoes, you may need to shine more then just the scuffed area to ensure it matches the surrounding materials.

To get your laces back onto your shoe. Put them back, in the reverse direction you took them out.