

Six Tried and Trusted Methods for Removing Scuff Marks from Shoes

There are many different ways to remove scuff marks from shoes. Some require alcohol-based solutions such as hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol. Other methods, such as Vaseline and lavender oil, offer a more a natural approach.

Nov. 9, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- There is nothing worse than splurging on a new pair of shoes only to have them marred by scuff marks a few wears later. Luckily, most scuff marks are easily removable. A quick Google search reveals that there are a myriad of proposed methods and “miracle” solutions. Read on to learn which method of removing scuff marks is right for you and your shoes.

Method #1: Toothpaste

Believe it or not, toothpaste (or a homemade paste of water and baking soda) can work wonders when it comes to removing scuff marks. Use an old toothbrush to apply the paste and lightly buff away the unsightly marks. This method should remove black scuff marks from white shoes as well as white or gray scuff marks from black or dark colored shoes.

Method #2: Nail Polish Remover

Nail polish remover can work miracles on scuffed white shoes, but you should proceed carefully. Make sure that your nail polish remover is labeled “non-acetone” and be sure to test the solution on a small, discreet area of the shoe first. If the shoe seems to be fine, go ahead and dip a Q-tip or a cotton ball in the solution and carefully buff away the black scuff mark. Nail polish may not be the best solution for scuff marks on shoes with a shiny finish.

Method #3: Mr. Clean Magic Eraser

If the nail polish does not work, you can try Mr. Clean Magic Eraser. This cleaning solution can be purchased at most local drugstores. It is safe to use on leather, and it can remove pen marks and dirt build-up in addition to scuff marks.

Method #4: Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer is recommended to remove white scuff marks from black dress shoes. The alcohol solution in the hand sanitizer is supposed to remove the scuff mark without harming the shoe’s shiny finish.

Method #5: Lavender Oil

For a more natural approach, apply lavender oil to scuff marks on black dress or leather shoes. This oil should remove the white scuff mark and restore the shoe’s original shiny finish. Aura Cacia Lavender Essential Oil is a highly recommended brand.

Method #6: Vaseline

If you are prepared to apply a little elbow grease, Vaseline can work wonders to remove scuff marks from leather shoes. Just put a dollop of Vaseline on a paper towel or rag and buff away. Unlike nail polish remover or hand sanitizer, there is no danger that Vaseline will remove the shoe’s finish. It is a good place to start.

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