

Polishing Boots 101

Materials:

- Parade Boots
- Regular Kiwi Polish (Black)
- Polishing Cloth (preferably also from Kiwi)
- Lukewarm Water (not too warm, not too cold)

Step 1: Get dust and dirt off boots with cloth or boot brush. If dirt does not come off easily, use water.

Step 2: Wrap the polishing cloth around your finger by first pointing your index finger forward, facing up, placing the cloth around your finger, and twisting the cloth so that the flat side of the finger is covered smoothly by cloth.

Step 3: First make a base layer. Dip your finger in the polish and take enough (more than usual amount) of polish to cover the face of the cloth. Next, apply the polish **evenly** on the boot so that the boot turns matte black, no shine.

Step 4: Let the base layer sit for at least 5 minutes. Then, find another spot on the cloth. and repeat step 2. Dip your finger in the polish, but this time, use **little** polish, and dip your finger in a **little** bit of water.

Step 5: Polish at sections at a time. Start making small circles on the boot **gently**, and go around section you are working on. You should notice that small swirls start forming! Continue the circles until the swirls disappear. If rubbing becomes tough or you do not see swirls, use some more water. Repeat this step multiple times, and use different amounts of polish and water, accordingly. You will start to notice a shine.

Step 6: Once the whole boot is shiny, grab an old toothbrush that is NOT used or clean. Dip this brush in the polish and blacken the shoe welts (Threads/space between the boot leather and the rubber sole). Make sure not to ruin your shiny boots!

IF you need help please ASK any of your staff or fellow cadets