



How To Remove Rust From Old Tools

Learn how to remove the rust from old tools.

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INTRODUCTION

Do you have some rusty old tools laying around the house? Use this guide to remove that pesky rust and return your tools to good working condition.

TOOLS:

- [Paper Towels](#) (1)
- [Scotch Brite Heavy Duty Scouring Pad](#) (1)
- [WD-40](#) (1)

Step 1 — How To Remove Rust From Old Tools



(i) Removing rust generally isn't dangerous, but it's pretty messy.

- Prepare your workspace by laying out an old towel or shop rag that you won't mind getting dirty.
- Consider also wearing protective gloves.
- Place your tool on the towels.

Step 2



- Spray the rusty areas of the tool with a generous amount of WD-40.

Step 3



- Use a scouring pad to thoroughly scrub the tool.

(i) It shouldn't take a lot of force—the WD-40 and scouring pad will do most of the work.

Step 4



- Use a paper towel to wipe away the excess grime and WD-40.

Step 5



- Continue scouring the tool, adding more WD-40 as needed, until the surface is free of rust.
- *i* When you finish, your tool may not look brand new—but the surface should now be rust-free and ready for years of continued use.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.