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)

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Step 1 — How To Remove Rust From Old Tools

ⓘ 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.

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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.

- ⓘ 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.