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The 5 biggest budget-killing fabrics

1 Suede

WORST ENEMIES Snow- and ice-melting salt.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW You have a one- to two-day window to clean suede shoes or boots before salt stains set. To treat stains, use a mixture of 40 percent white vinegar and 60 percent water, and blot with a paper towel.

If suede footwear is simply wet, stuff it with newspaper and let it dry naturally. Then apply a suede conditioner, recommends expert David Mesquita, co-owner of Leather Spa in New York.

HOW TO KEEP IT LOOKING NEW After each wearing, brush suede shoes and jackets with a horsehair brush or chemical sponge to remove dirt. Store shoes on a shoe tree in a cedar closet or, better yet, on a cedar shoe tree to help retain their shape and absorb moisture and odors. You could also place a piece of cedar into your shoe, though it won't help retain the shape. On snowy or rainy days, lightly spray shoes with a water-protection formula before stepping out. Stiletto heels and pointy toes are especially vulnerable to wear and tear, so add sole guards and protective tips.

DON'T DO IT! Never park any suede or leather item next to a radiator to dry it; the heat will ruin the skin.