



Polishing stages

Polishing stages will involve one or probably several of the following.

If more than one stage is needed, then they will be in the order shown.

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Brush or mop	Composition	Purpose
Preparation	Buffing sticks 1000 or even 2000	Get ready for polishing. (3000 for platinum).
Scratch brush	Water & fairy liquid	Cleaning patterned or intricate pieces.
(1) Black bristle brush, coarse	Brushing Emery , Albo Grease	Coarse polishing, Removes Fire Stain
(1) Black bristle brush, medium	Lustre / Tripoli (Brown bar)	Preliminary Polishing
(2) B mop , (4 ½ x ½ = 102 x 25cm)	Lustre or Lea 2000 (Light Green bar)	First stage of Shine
(3) Swansdown (or reflex) mop	Burns rouge-Menzerna (white metal)M5 SF	Fine polishing
Extra special!	Menzerna P175 (Yellow) SF for yellow metals	Cut factor 1 Gloss Factor 10



Other techniques

Felt bob (pumice block)	Lustre / Tripoli (Brown bar)	Hard technique to master but keeps it sharp!
Shaped felt or leather bobs	Pumice powder mixed with vegetable oil	Good for bowls of spoons
Sateen Polishing Mop	Satin Wheel Fine A Grade 4"x1" = 102 x 50cm (Firmer)	Cutting or various sateen finishes
Goat Hair very fine white	Whitening / Vienna Lime	Polish very fine, textured or fragile work
Goat Hair very fine white	Vienna Lime + Menzerna or Rouge	Pave, with more sparkle
Oxidization	Platinol	Deep black or pale grey finishes are achieved.

<u>Frosting brush</u> fine or heavy		Frosting like sandblasted finish
<u>Handy Chuck</u>		

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Polishing Gold & Silver.

Rouge has always commonly been used but compounds like the Burns and P175.

If you are after a clear mirror finish then P175 is worth looking at.

Process 1 (Polishing) Brown Tripoli Compound with a Loose B quality mop

Process 2 (Finishing) Rouge Compound/P175 with a G quality or Reflex mop.

Platinum

Precious expensive metal. Harder than gold or silver to polish.

Blue stitch mop with Nikko grey platinum compound

White or yellow stitch mop with carrot rouge , Menzerna white, PT' Platinum Polish - T890023, Polinum.

Satin Finishing.

Still have to remove major surface imperfections and scratches etc. Excellent at blending in jobs.

Available in four grades. **Important** to remember that each grade contains a grit but they do not have to cut or finish of a true abrasive, they give a much softer finish.

Very Fine A- 280 grit

Fine A -180 grit

Medium A - 120 grit

Coarse A - 80 grit

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