

## *Unique Ways to Break In your New glove*

### **Break in a New Glove with Shaving Cream**

You have just purchased that new glove you've had your eye on for weeks. Now it's time to break it in. You know the drill, rub some glove oil, put a ball in the pocket, stick it under your couch cushions, beat it with your fist a few hundred times, etc. It takes forever to get a glove properly broken in, right!



Not necessarily!

Warning: The following method is not advised for “suede-type” leather, vinyl or other non-standard gloves. This method is ideal for traditional “hard” leather or steerhide gloves that are very stiff.

First of all, you will need a five gallon bucket. Empty an entire can of FOAM-STYLE SHAVING CREAM into the bucket. DO NOT USE shaving gel or similar products!

Take your new glove, put an old baseball or softball in the pocket, and tie it closed. Make sure that you are happy with the pocket.

Next, place the glove into the bucket and empty a second entire can of FOAM-STYLE SHAVING CREAM on top of the mitt. Allow everything to sit undisturbed overnight.

The shaving cream will have melted, and your glove will now be a soaking mess.

Place your glove somewhere where it can dry at room temperature. This will take at least another day, maybe two. However, once the glove is dry, you will discover that the leather is now soft and supple, and perfectly broken in.



Quite a few professional players swear by this unorthodox method of breaking in a glove.

## Vaseline will break in your new glove in minutes

As you can see from the above suggestion, there are several ways to break in a new glove, most are effective to varying degrees. From working the new leather with your hands to using shaving cream or glove oil, everyone has an opinion on what's the best way.

Another method is using vasoline. It's quick and easy and in just about 20 minutes your new stiff glove will transform into a flexible molded one ready for play.

To get started, you will need a jar of vasoline, a pillow slip, a shoe string, and an old baseball or softball—AND YOUR NEW GLOVE.

First, dip two or three fingers in the jar of vasoline and get a good amount on your fingers. Use your fingers to apply the vasoline to the entire glove surface, front and back, with just a little extra amount applied to the glove area where it flexes/bends. The amount applied to the glove should be just a little more than just a light film covering.

After applying the vasoline, place the old baseball/softball in the glove pocket to help form the glove and secure it in place wrapping or tying a shoe string around the glove.

Now, place the glove inside the old pillow slip and tie a knot towards the top of the pillow slip opening to keep the glove from coming out. Put the pillow slip/glove into the clothes dryer on a moderate heat setting for approximately 20 minutes (enough time to allow the vasoline to soak into the leather).

Remove the glove from the dryer and pillow slip, rub in any undesolved vasoline, and you're ready to play with your new broken in glove!

There are numerous ways to break in a new glove. The above two suggestions are just other ways in which to accomplish the task. With the Holidays coming up, we just wanted to make sure our participants are prepared to break in their new gloves!

