



# Lamp Switch Replacement

Replace the switch assembly in a standard table or desk lamp.

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## INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace a broken lamp switch. If you have a lamp that won't turn on, this easy repair may be all it needs to get it back to working order.



### TOOLS:

- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)



### PARTS:

- [Replacement Switch Assembly](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Switch



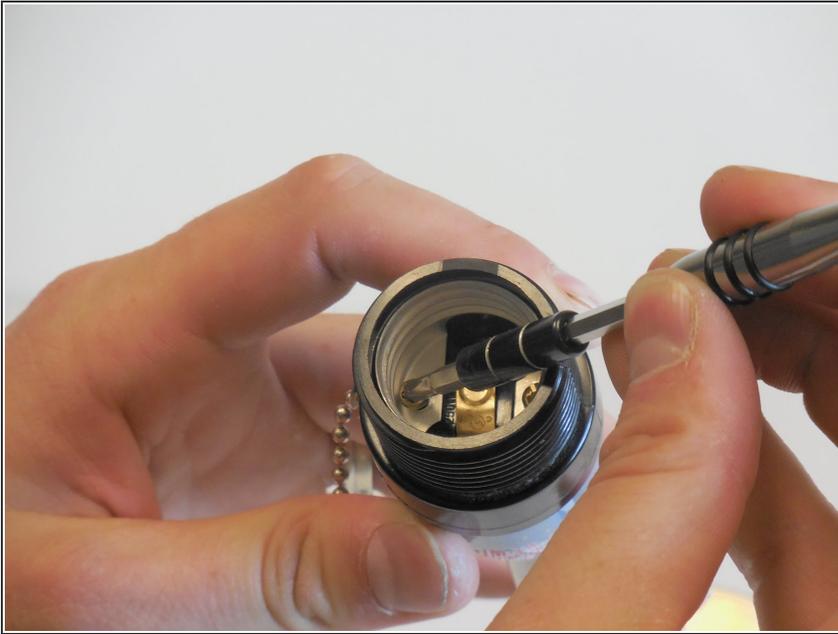
- ⚠️ Unplug the lamp from the wall to reduce the risk of electric shock.

## Step 2



- Unscrew the light bulb from the socket then remove the lamp shade.

### Step 3



- Remove the two screws from the bottom inside the socket. These screws hold the silver threaded socket in place.

### Step 4



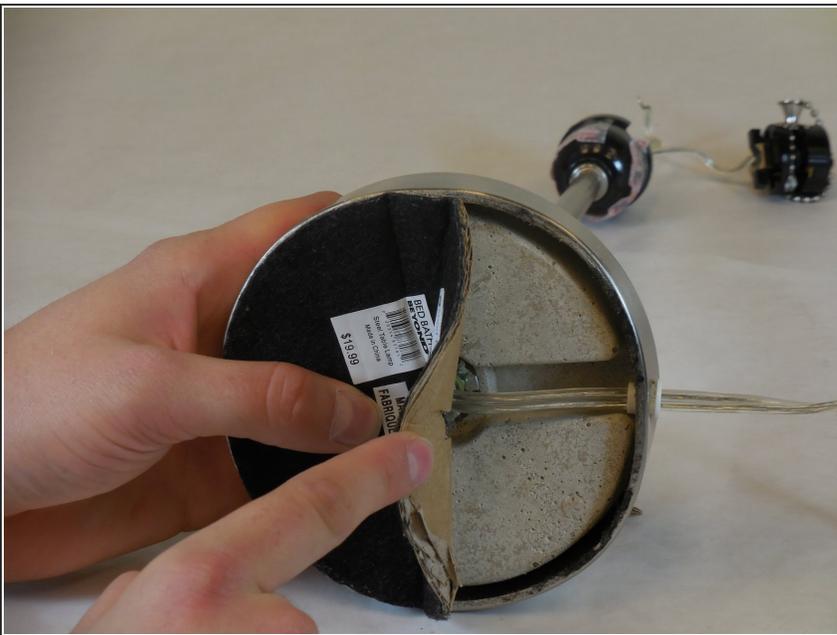
- When the screws are removed, the threaded socket will pull out.

## Step 5



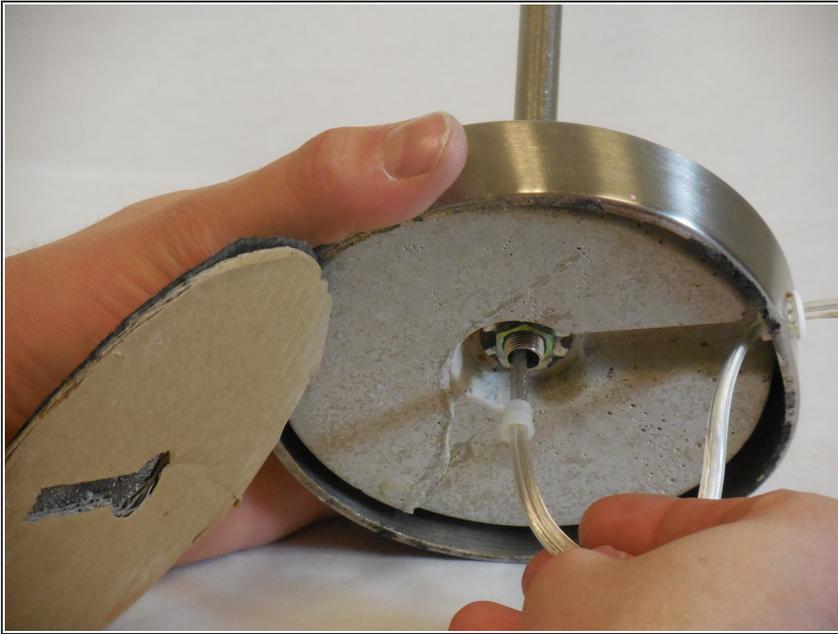
- Unscrew and remove the outer black socket body.

## Step 6



- Partially peel back the felt or cork from bottom of the lamp to gain access to power cord. Take care to avoid tearing.

## Step 7



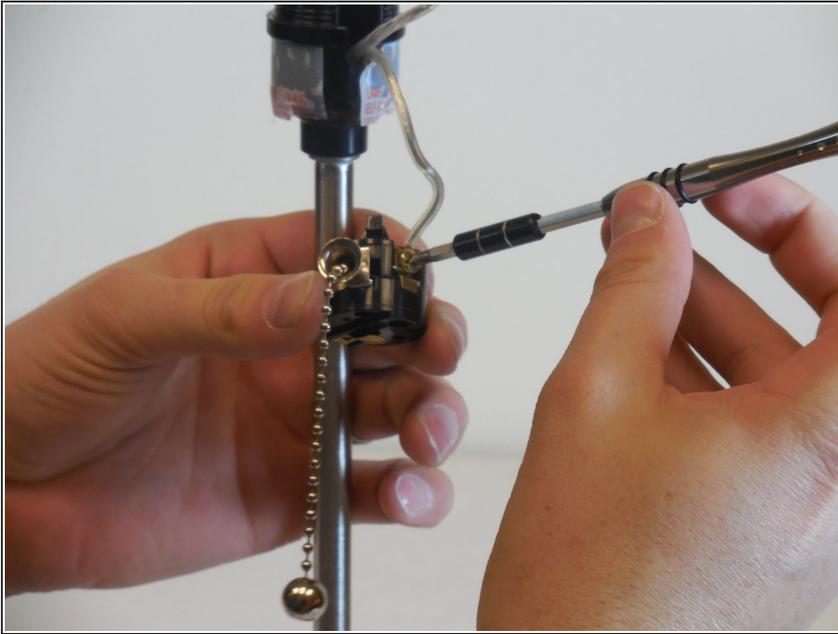
- Push a few inches of the power cord upwards to gain slack to work with. Some cords may have a knot tied here which will need loosened to push slack upwards.

## Step 8



- Pull the socket base/switch assembly out of the base to gain access to the screw terminals on the sides.

## Step 9



- Unscrew the terminals on each side to release the wires. The screws may be retained so they may not come all the way out.

## Step 10



- Attach the wires to the new switch assembly. It doesn't matter which wire goes to which terminal. For a secure connection, bend a hook into the end of the wire and orient it on the screw so the hook closes when the screw is tightened.

## Step 11



- Position the socket/switch assembly on the base and pull the power cord from the bottom to set the socket in place. Reattach the felt or cork on the bottom of the lamp.

## Step 12



- Pushing downward to hold the socket in place, screw the black outer socket back in place to secure the switch.

## Step 13



- Set the silver threaded socket into place. Turn the socket to align the two screw holes.

## Step 14



- Screw in the two screws to secure the threaded silver socket into place.

## Step 15



- Reattach the lamp shade and screw in the light bulb.

After following these steps to replace a non-working switch, you should again have a functional lamp.