

Making Sandals

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Basic supplies

Wool/leather or some non-fraying material

Coordinating fabric for in-sole

Cardstock (I like gift/shirt boxes)

Ribbon

Scissors

Glue

(You'll only need beads and thread if you want to decorate the suckers.)



Cut out 2 soles from cardstock

2 soles from your wool/leather

2 liners from your matching material

and two of each length of ribbon.

(the pattern is at the end of this tutorial)

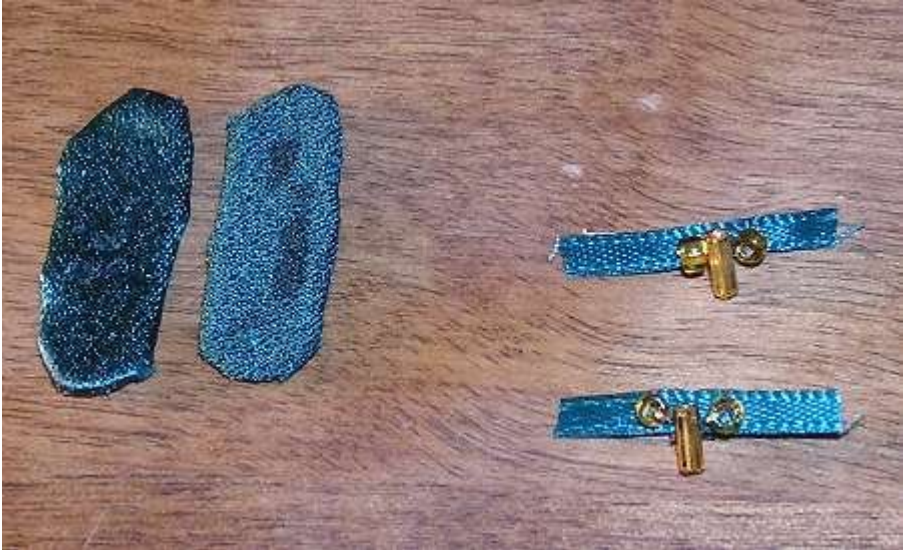


Glue the cardstock soles centered on the liners – and then cut out those horribly annoying but ubiquitous triangles around the edges



Glue the edges down around the soles.

If you're going to decorate your ribbon, now's the time to do it!



Bend the in-sole to conform to the foot – kinda, sorta, approximately at least.



Glue one end of each ribbon (toe and heel) to the 'wrong side' of the in-sole - let it dry



Wrap them around, glue them on the other side, glue your wool sole over to cover the ends and....

POOF!

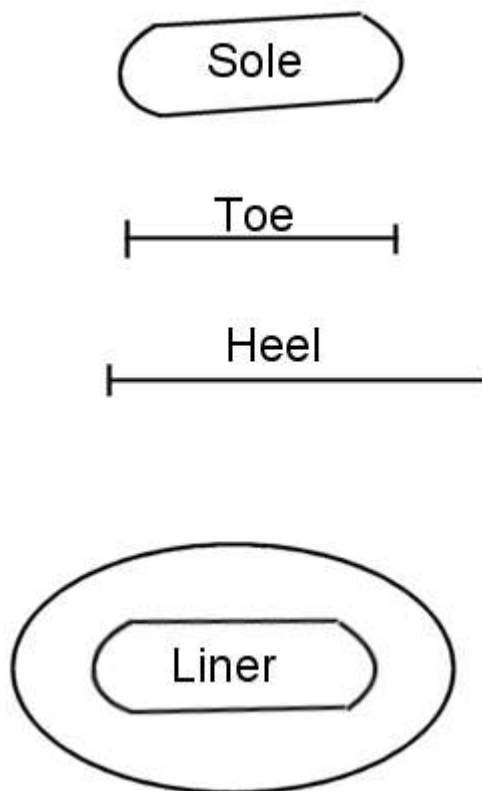
Sandals!



Thread ohhhh 8-12” of ribbon through the heel loop, wrap it up the leg!

You can just ‘wrap and tie’ – or you can be enthused and sew each cross over and sew the ends together (which is usually what I do, so things don’t 1) come un-done or 2) slide around.

Yup – that’s the ‘official’ pattern – it’ll fit most barbie’s – belly button girls feet are a titch longer and a titch thinner than TNT girls... - flat footed babs are completely different, but just stand them up and trace around their feet.



You don't **have** to do it that way – there are as many ways to make sandals as there are dolls....

<p>These exact sandals done on a flat footed babs. – this was done with a ‘plain’ in-sole – ie. There’s no cardstock, I cut four soles out of wool, and used two of them for insoles – much faster... grin</p>	<p>Ribbon wrap! Pin the end to babs foot, wrap it around the arch, glue and/or sew it in place, wrap it up the leg candy-cane style, and a couple times around just below the knee, sew/glue it in place (I REALLY recommend ‘sew’)</p>	<p>Same things! – this particular ‘ribbon’ was the edge of a red velvet 3” ribbon if I remember right – also, I glued a sole onto the bottom and stitched it to the wrap around the heel.</p>	<p>Wire wrap! – can’t get much easier than this! – center the wire at the arch of the foot, bring it forward, twist, bring it back, twist... LOL – you can add beads or not</p>
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