

# Roman Sandals

## for your flat footed Dolls

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Alrighty – this is all by gosh and by golly – and very **very** simple! (no, really, I promise?)

You'll need:

Small scrap of brown leather/felt/wool  
Small scrap of black leather/felt/wool  
Small scrap of matching/coordinating brown material  
Cardstock (about gift box weight)  
Sharp scissors and your favorite glue (I used Aileens tacky on these)

SO – pick your doll. – I'm using a guy, so all the pronouns will be masculine – you can surely use a girl if you like – it will prolly work with high heel feet, but I haven't tested it. Anytime I say leather you can substitute felt or wool, or, really, anything you feel like working with as long as it's not going to fray badly.

Stand your doll on your cardstock and trace around his foot with a pencil. POOF – a sole pattern!

Cut two soles (1 right and 1 left foot) from cardstock  
Cut two soles (1 right and 1 left foot) from your black leather

Trace around the sole pattern on your matching material (I used acetate, you can use anything you like, including more leather) – add ¼" all the way around and cut out two.

Now then –

Cut a ¼" by... say... 12" strip from your leather – don't fret if you don't have a 12" strip just cut lots of little ones – the ¼" wide is all that matters.

Put one end of the strip on the top center of your dolls foot, wrap it around underneath and cut it off at the bottom center.

Use that bit as a 'pattern' and cut a total of 28 of them. (14 for each sandal. I'm using a 1:4 scale doll, 15-16" tall, if you're working with a larger or smaller scale you'll need more or fewer pieces)

Round one edge of each strip and cut them all down the center vertically ALMOST all the way through, but not quite. (see the pic)

Again with the ¼" strip wrap it over the back of his heel, give yourself a ¼" or so over the sole of his foot and cut off a strip as high as you want his sandals... (this **would**, now that I think about it, make GREAT knee high boots! – HEE!) cut two of those and round off one end of each.

Your bits should look like this now:



Otay – that was it – you’ve done the hard part!

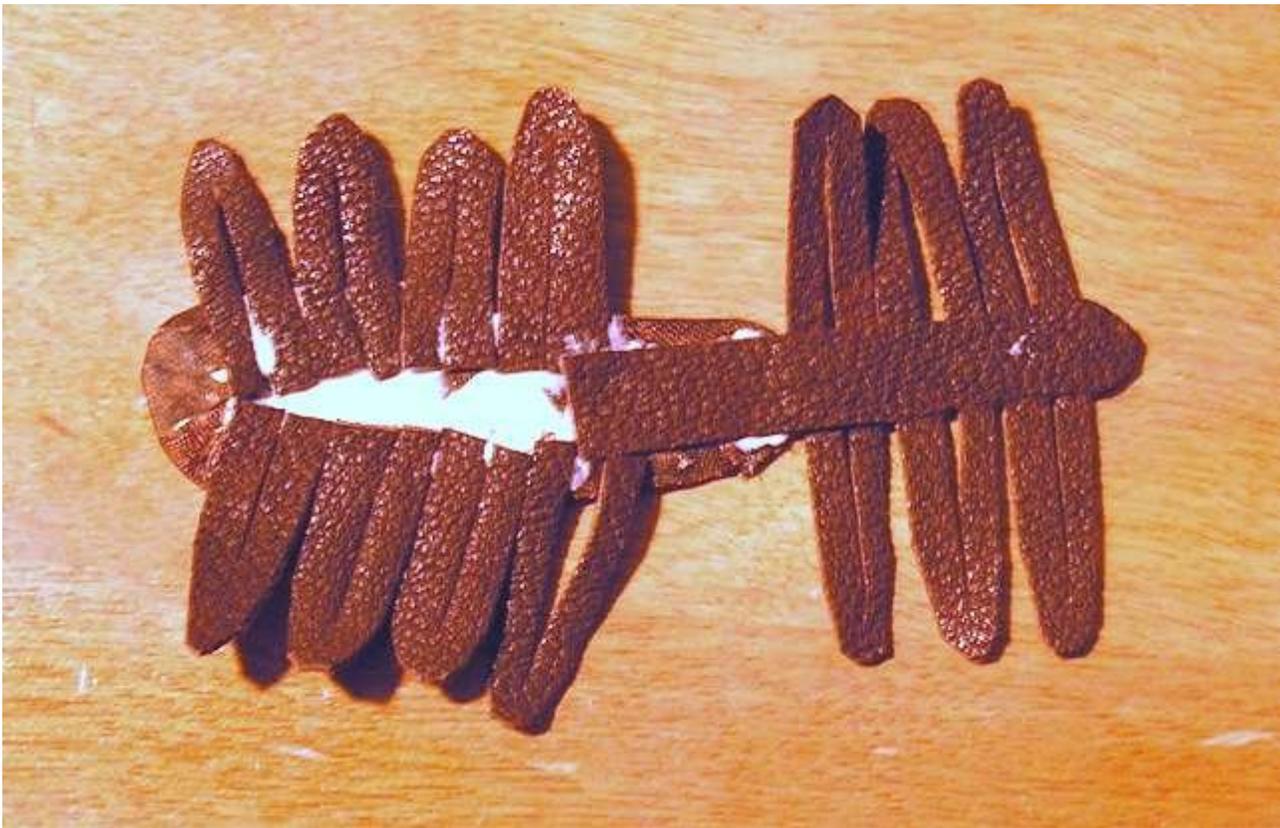
Cut the silly triangles out of your acetate. Tack each piece lightly to it’s matching sole and glue the triangles down around it (right, me and words, see the following pic) keeping it as smooth and tight as possible.

Run a line of glue down the ‘wrong side’ of each ankle strap and press in six of your strap pieces - three on each side, try to keep them at least mostly parallel...



Run a line of glue along the edges of your soles and attach the rest of your strap pieces – again, trying to keep them at least mostly parallel and matching.

Turn the ankle straps over so they’re ‘right side up’ and glue them to the bottom of your soles – like so.



Glue the outer (leather) sole on –

and here's what it looks like on the inside.



Lace it up and you're done!

I used a twisted embroidery thread – and if you wrap the lacing a couple times around the ankle you'll have enough after you've cut the excess lacing off to be able to take them on and off (if you're talented with small bits that is! LOL – generally I just relace.)

