

# Cloth Baby Shoes

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Materials list:  
Bonded fleece (suede on one side, fleece on the other) for sole  
Coordinating fabric for top and heel  
Plain fabric for lining  
Medium weight fusible interfacing  
1/4 in.- wide (or narrower) elastic 18 inches total

Cut pattern pieces (page 4 of this document) around the outside edges. There is a 1/4 inch seam allowance.

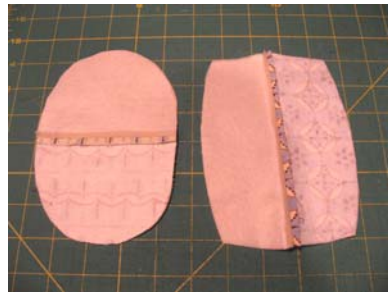
To make ONE shoe, you will need

- 1 sole
- 1 top**
- 1 top lining**
- 1 heel**
- 1 heel lining**

All items in bold need to be interfaced with fusible interfacing using manufacturer's directions.



Sew the top and top lining right sides together along the straight edge. Do the same for the heel pieces. For both, iron the seams open, then fold the top piece down over the lining. Iron to make sure the seams lay flat. Trim any threads and excess lining fabric.



Mark the openings for the elastic. Using a seam ripper, rip the openings in the lining piece, being careful not to rip the front top of the shoe.



Line up the center of the top piece with the top center of the sole, right sides together. Beginning at the center, ease stitch them around one side. Flip the shoe over, start at the center and sew the other side.



Pink the edges to keep the fabric from fraying. Fold down the top of the heel approx. 3/4 of an inch to make a casing over a nine inch piece of elastic. Sew closely to the edge making sure not to sew the elastic.



Line up the center of the heel with the center back of the sole, right sides together. Once again, start sewing from the center point down one side, flip the shoe over and sew from the center down the other side.



Using tweezers, pull the elastic through both slits. Before you do this, it might be a good idea to secure the other end of the elastic with a pin so that you don't accidentally pull it into the casing. But if you're a daredevil (or lazy) don't bother.



Pull the elastic tight. Line up both ends of the elastic, measure off about 1.75 to 2 inches and mark this point with a pin. With the machine, sew back and forth several times to secure the elastic. Cut the excess elastic and rotate it so that raw edges of the elastic are concealed inside the casing. Keep in mind that ankle widths vary in children—you want the shoe to stay on, but you don't want a tourniquet either!



Trim off extra fabric around the shoe to remove bulk. If you have pinking shears, now is a good time to use them.



Turn the shoe right side out. Now make another one. When you're done, find a sunny spot for a photo shoot. Please post your photo on the flickr group.

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size 0—6 months

