

DHD Doll Sandals

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These fun sandals are really easy to make. The most difficult part is getting a smooth cut along the edges; I've got a couple tricks that help you get a smoother edge!



Supplies:

1 sheet super thick craft foam (6mm or more)

1 sheet regular craft foam (2-3 mm thick)

An additional color of regular craft foam, or 2 long (12 inch) pipe cleaners

Something to decorate the sandals

Super Glue

Craft blade and rotary mat

Instructions:

1. Cut out 2 sole shapes from the pattern provided out of thin foam (2-3mm).
2. Cut slits in these pieces using the line marked on the pattern.
3. Cut 2 strips of thin foam 5/8" x 3 3/4".
4. Push the ends of the strips through the holes cut in the sole pieces until they meet at the center of the sole on the underside. Glue in place (super glue works best).
5. Next, glue the assembled top to a piece of thick foam.
6. After this dries, you are ready to cut out the sole for the sandal. You will need a craft blade and rotary mat.
7. Make a single cut straight through the foam at the side of the sandal. Hold the blade in place exactly upright.
8. Carefully rotate the shoe around the blade. This will give you the smoothest possible cut. Try to keep the craft blade as straight as possible, to prevent getting an undercut on the sandal base.
9. Embellish as desired.

Embellishment ideas:

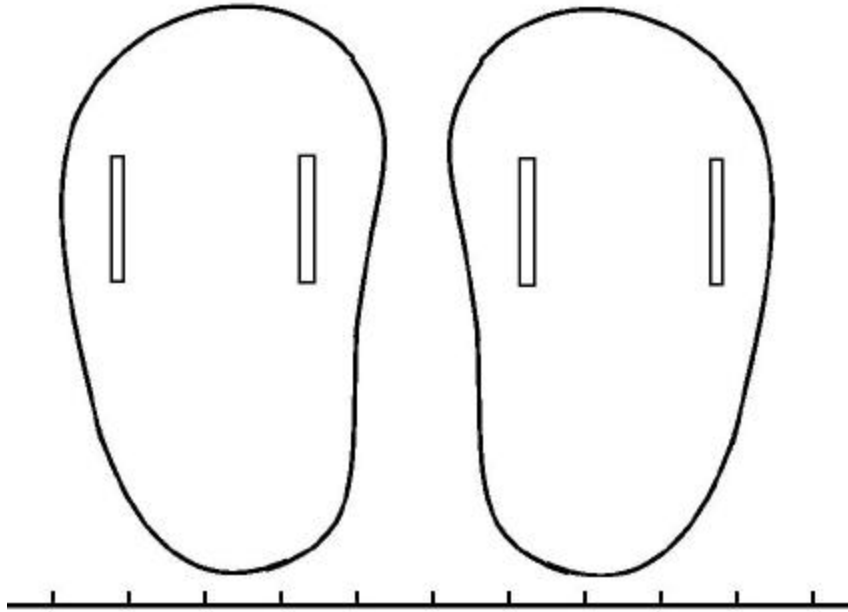
- Ribbon rosettes
- Shapes cut from foam
- Fun buttons (simply cut a tiny slit in the strap to allow for the button shank)
- Small embroidery cut outs

Pipe Cleaner instructions:

1. Start with the regular foam upper sole, but don't cut the slits. Instead, mark three holes using the slit guide as your placement guide.
2. Lace one long pipe cleaner through the holes and across the tops of the soles. I found that I needed to leave 1/2 inch of pipe cleaner on the underside at the start and end of the lacing. Be very careful not to get the pipe cleaner strap too tight!
3. Once you have the pipe cleaner laced to create the strap (and you have tested the fit on a doll) glue to the base foam as described above.
4. This sandal really doesn't need any extra decoration – the pipe cleaner gives it a very fancy look on it's own.

Sandals Pattern

Sandals for 18" dolls



Measure rule above against a CM ruler. Each line should 1CM. Adjust pattern if needed.