



WITH A LITTLE CRAFTY INGENUITY, YOU CAN TAKE BASIC FLIP FLOPS FROM PLAIN JANE TO JUST PLAIN FABULOUS!



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too-cute-to-resist project ideas.

## tip-top flip flops

{ CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY® }

## →ORANGE ZEST

Here's a cheery twist on a basic pair of flips. Simply add self-adhesive rhinestones to the straps. Then sew together a happy mix of touch-me textures (think ribbon, tulle, crocheted flowers and gemstones) and glue them to the center.



BRING THOSE WALKED-AND-WORN SANDALS BACK TO LIFE WITH SOME FABULOUS EMBELLISHMENTS LIKE RIBBON, RHINESTONES AND POM-POMS!



## ↖BOHO BRAIDS

Tackle this Boho-chic look two ways for a twice-as-nice twist on the classic flip flop.

For both pairs we used a braided fabric headband (with elastic removed) for the strap and added some ready-to-dazzle embellishments. *Tip:* We removed the existing straps from the pair on the right and used grosgrain ribbon as the toe strap. For the pair above, we simply adhered the headband to the straps.







## SANDAL SWITCHEROO

With these one-for-every-outfit interchangeable straps, you can have a whole new pair of kicks every time the shoe blues hit. Simply sew a strip of hook-and-loop closure to a length of ribbon and a corresponding piece to each strap. Then top with a handmade ribbon rosette.



## PERFECT POLKA

*Note: Before you begin, remove straps from flip flops.*

1. Bring strip of fabric through hole from back to front, pulling through until there's an equal amount of fabric at front and back.
2. Knot fabric at the back (up against thong hole), and then bring excess back through to front—now both ends will be at the front.
3. Knot ends at the front (up against thong hole).
4. Thread ends through existing strap holes, knotting on underside to secure.
5. Add a button-topped ribbon rosette to center.

→ **BRAID TRADE** We swapped the plastic straps for braided ones. First, remove back straps from their holes, add a loop of fabric, pushing ends through to underside; knot and glue to secure. Then string braided strip through loops and down through hole at the front, and tie a large knot. The zebra bow comes as-is!



← **WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

Give your sandals an instant facelift with this wildly trendy zebra pattern. We used black flip-flops, so we only had to use one paint pen (*pink, of course*) to get this trendy look. Then we sealed the design with varnish.

## PACK O' POMS

Gimme a P-O-M! What's that spell? POM! (*And they're even cuter off the field.*) To make 'em, we cut strips of plastic canvas to fit the straps. Then we stitched pom-poms to the plastic canvas and glued the canvas to the straps.







## SWEET FEET

Tea for two and two for tea—shoes for you and shoes for me! Pair up with your favorite mini-me (daughter, little sis, favorite cousin!) and flaunt your flops. To make them, we covered the straps with self-adhesive rhinestone strips. Then we attached a grosgrain bow and, for a treat, adhered a felt cupcake from our Wearables Department.

*Hint: Trim ribbon ends with pinking shears for this zigzag look.*



## EXTENDING THE LIFESPAN OF YOUR HANDMADE SANDALS IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3:

1. Try our flip flop glue when adhering trinkets, ribbons or fabrics to straps.
2. Back any heavy designs with leather, for security.
3. When creating your own straps, knot fabric several times on underside of shoe, and glue if necessary—this will ensure that your straps don't pull through.



**A. DAZZLED DESIGN:** Say hello to designer sandals on a budget! To make 'em: Remove straps. Adhere desired beads (*and cup chain for trim*) onto a piece of gold leather. Trim leather, leaving a long strip at top for strap and a bit of excess at back (*near heel*). **Toe strap:** Fold and sew long strip from existing leather piece, and thread through hole. Knot and glue underneath. **Back straps:** Thread gold lace through strap holes—knot and glue. Fold excess gold leather around lace strap, and glue or stitch in place.

**B. BROOCHED TO BE WILD:** Add a brooch or pin to ribbon-laced straps for a look like this. Then bring on the bling—we used rhinestone trim and studs.

**C. WHAT A STUD:** Whether you're a punk rocker or a soccer mom, these studs add 'tude to your shoes. Grab metal or rhinestone studs. Then use a craft knife to poke holes in the straps to accommodate brads. Insert brads, and fold to secure. *Tip: Cover underside of straps with felt to ensure brads do not poke your feet.*

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