

Flip-Flop Fun

Check out these four additional ways to personalize your pedal-pushers this summer.

Words to Walk By

What you'll need

- Flip-flops
- Craft foam letters
- Craft foam glue
- Mirror

How to make it

1. Decide what words you'd like to use for the bottom of your shoes and pull out the letters you need.
2. Flip the letters over, and glue them, right side down, to the bottoms of the flip-flops.
Tip: The words should appear reversed on your flip-flops when you're gluing them, so they'll show up the right way in the sand or dirt when you wear them. Hold the flip-flops up to the mirror every so often to make sure you're gluing them on correctly.
3. Let dry.

Knots So Easy

What you'll need

- Flip-flops
- Fabric scraps (we used 4 complementary colors)
- Ruler
- Rotary cutter and mat or a pencil and fabric scissors

How to make it

1. Mark and cut 1-inch-by-8-inch strips from all your fabric scraps using the rotary cutter and mat or a pencil and scissors. We needed 32 strips for each medium-size flip-flop.
2. Tie each strip into a knot around the flip-flop strap.
3. After the straps are completely covered with fabric strips, trim off the ends of each strip about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from its knot.



A Checkered Present

What you'll need

- Flip-flops
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Permanent fine-tip marker

How to make it

1. Draw vertical lines along the sides of the flip-flop soles with a pencil. Try to keep the lines about the same distance apart.
 2. Fill in between each set of vertical lines with two horizontal lines to divide each column into 3 squares or rectangles.
 3. Fill in every other square or rectangle with your permanent marker to make a checkerboard pattern.
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Painted Peds

What you'll need

- Flip-flops
- Outdoor craft paint (we used orange and blue)
- 1/8-inch. masking tape* and small paintbrush (for zigzag pattern)
- Painting tools such as marker lids and pencil erasers (for circle pattern)
- Paper plate and cup of water (for painting)

* We found this super-thin masking tape in the stained glass section of a craft store.

How to make it

To make a zigzag pattern:

1. Use 1-inch pieces of masking tape to make triangle shapes around the soles of the flip-flops.
2. Paint the top triangles in 1 color and let dry. Add a second and third coat, if necessary, letting paint dry between coats. Rinse out your paintbrush.
3. Paint the bottom triangles in another color and let dry. Add a second and third coat, if necessary, letting paint dry between coats.

To make a circle pattern:

1. Dip a marker lid into the craft paint and use it as a stamp to make a repeating open-circle pattern along the soles of the flip-flops. Let dry.
2. Then dip a pencil eraser into a different color of craft paint to create the dots inside the circles. Let dry.

