

Christmas Shoe Directions

Supplies Needed:

1/3 yard of shoe fabric
1/3 yard of shoe lining fabric
1/3 yard very thin polyester quilt batting (optional)
Cording or Ribbon for hanging
Embroidery designs of your choice
1/2 yard of trim for top of shoe
Other trim as desired

Cut out the paper pattern included. Lay the pattern over a sheet of tag board or lightweight cardboard and trace around it. Draw a new line around the pattern adding 1/2 " seam allowance all around the shoe. Cut out the cardboard shoe pattern on this new line.

Cut along the line marked "Cut Here for Lining" on the original paper pattern. Place this re-cut paper pattern over another sheet of tag board or lightweight cardboard and trace around it. Draw a new line around the pattern adding 1/2" seam allowance all around the shoe lining. Cut out the cardboard lining pattern on this new line. Discard the original paper pattern.

NOTE! If you wish to enlarge this pattern to make a bigger shoe, do so before making the new cardboard patterns.

Lay the shoe pattern on the right side of your shoe fabric. Trace around it with chalk or removable marker. Before tracing, decide which way you want your shoe to face!

Embroider your shoe front before cutting it out. Keep the embroidery designs within 1" of the marked lines. When finished embroidering, cut out the shoe front around the marked lines, remove any stabilizer and press.

Cut out the shoe back and the shoe lining front and back pieces.

If you are adding batting to your Christmas shoe, cut out two pieces of batting the same size as the shoe pattern. Spray one side of each piece lightly with temporary spray adhesive and attach to the wrong side of the shoe front and back pieces.

Note: Ironing firmly with steam will squash the batting...and this can be a benefit! Experiment with a scrap of batting and shoe fabric to see the results. Squashed batting gives a firm, but soft and flexible stability to your shoe. Un-squashed batting makes a very soft shoe and is a little harder to sew. If you choose to squash your batting, use a press cloth over the batting when ironing.

Lay the shoe lining pieces over the shoe fabric pieces right sides together. Pin and sew across the tops only, using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Trim the batting very close to the seam, then trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and clip the curve. Press the seam allowance to the lining side. If desired, top stitch on the right side of the lining fabric close to the stitched seam, securing the seam allowance to the lining fabric. Repeat this for both front and back pieces of the shoe.

Lay the front and back joined shoe pieces right side together and pin, matching the shoe top seams. Sew the shoe pieces together leaving a four-inch opening in the bottom of the shoe lining. Trim the batting on both sides of the shoe very close to the seam. Trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ " all around the shoe and shoe lining. Clip the curves as needed.

Turn the shoe right side out, pushing the lining down into the shoe. Use a skinny blunt ended object to push the lining into the toe of the shoe. Check to see how the lining fits. If you seem to have more lining than you need, (which may be the case if you used batting) take a deeper seam in the lining part of the shoe, trim and clip again.

Machine or hand stitch the shoe-lining opening closed. Press the shoe. Add the trimmings as desired. Hot glue works just as well as stitching for adding fur or feathers to the top! Sew a loop of cording or ribbon into the top of the seam at the back of the shoe for hanging.

Enjoy!