



How to Sew Ribbons

1. First, cut the entire length of satin ribbon in half. Then, cut each half in half one more time, resulting in 4 equal lengths of ribbon. Two lengths will be attached per shoe, one on either side of the ankle.
2. To see where the ribbons should be attached on either side on the shoe, fold the heel to form a triangle pointing towards the toe of the shoe. Fold the shoe where the leather heel pad ends. Then take a pen and put it in the crevices, on either side, and draw a faint line so there will be two diagonal lines inside the shoe where it was folded over. See figures 1 & 2.
3. Before attaching the ribbon onto the shoe, notice the two different facades of the ribbon; one side is shinier than the other side. The shiny side faces outward, while the dull side faces the ankle.
4. Fold one end of the ribbon 1/2 an inch to give the thread a sturdy surface to grab hold of when attaching it to the shoe. Also, this will prevent fraying inside the shoe as your daughter moves around in them.
5. With the shiny side out, match the edge of the folded end of the ribbon to the diagonal line you made in step 2. I suggest you double thread the needle with faint pink thread instead of just having a single strand because it gives the ribbon more resilience to the hours of dancing ahead.
6. Sew around each side of the "square" of ribbon inside the shoe, being careful not to puncture the drawstring elastic in the casing, which must be accessible to adjusting the tightness of the shoe. Also, you should not see the stitches from the outside, just catch the inner lining of the shoe.
7. Repeat this for the remaining three ribbons, being careful to sew with the shiny side of the ribbon facing outward.
8. To prevent the free ends that will be wrapped around the girl's ankle from fraying, dab a thin layer of clear nail polish or fray check at the end. Or, if you prefer, singe the ends with a lighter.
9. See "How To Tie Ribbons" for further instruction.

Figure 1.

Figure 2.

