



Fun and Fly: Dress up your kids' sneakers with these easy-to-make wings and replace the laces with elastic to make them easy on, easy off.

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I LOVE TO DRESS UP MY SHOES—STORE-BOUGHT PAIRS CAN BE SO GENERIC. HERE ARE SOME OF MY FAVORITE WAYS TO TAKE PLAIN FOOTWEAR FROM SO-SO TO BELL-O IN AN AFTERNOON.

Pretty Pom-Poms: Make your little one's Mary Janes fiesta-ready with pom-pom trim. Just measure the amount of trim needed, cut to the right length plus a half-inch extra allowance, and glue it down. For a finished edge, fold over the end and glue it down too.



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DIY Oxfords: Take a cue from menswear and paint a pair of plain, inexpensive canvas sneakers (I got these at Goodwill for \$2) to look like men's oxfords. All you need is acrylic paint with a fabric medium mixed in.

Sole-ful: Personalize drab soles by using masking tape to block out a chevron pattern, then spray-paint the soles in your favorite color. Watch out, Louboutin!

Go Aztec-Inspired: Sketch a combination of shapes like triangles, stepped pyramids, and diamonds in pencil on espadrilles, then fill in using acrylic paint mixed with a fabric medium.

Get Lucky: Bedazzle your shoes with an initial or a lucky number—you can find iron-on letters at most craft stores and online—and paint the soles of your sneaks with spray-paint in a contrasting color for extra pizzazz.

Tassel Takeover: Available at most fabric stores, tassels come in so many cool materials and colors. Bring your shoes with you to pick out the appropriate size, then glue them right on.

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