

Mondays at the Museum

(at home!)



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This week's object is a pair of **shoes**.

Below is a picture of handmade children's shoes from our current exhibition *Inherit: old and new histories*. *Inherit* is Orange Regional Museum's new long-term exhibition where we can learn about both familiar and less well-known stories from across the Central West.

These shoes are made from embroidered velvet and were made in the late 1800s by Charles Allcorn, who was a shoemaker in Byng and Millthorpe.



Image: Embroidered velvet children's shoes, c 1870s. Made by Charles Allcorn, Byng or Millthorpe
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A pair of cardboard sandals

This week we are going to make our own pair of sandals from cardboard.

What you'll need:	Substitute
Coloured cardboard in two contrasting colours	Any other cardboard found around the home, eg cereal box. You can use markers, coloured pencils or paint to add a splash of colour.
Glue stick	
Scissors	
Glitter, stickers, fabric scraps or ribbon to decorate	Any decorations you choose

Instructions



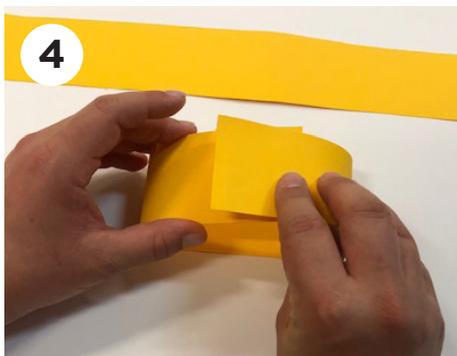
Stand on a piece of cardboard and ask a friend or parent to trace around each of your feet. At the toes draw a rounded edge, so that you have a neat shoe edge.



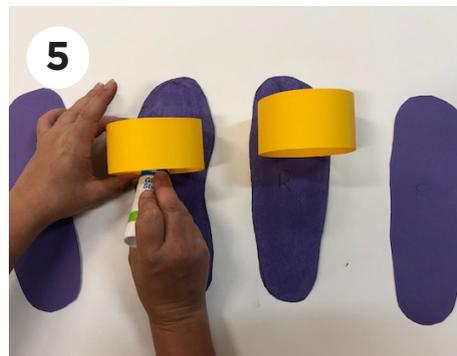
Cut out each foot shape. Take your cut outs of each foot and trace around each one with a pencil on the same colour cardboard and cut these out too.



Take the contrasting colour cardboard and measure it around the width of your foot. Leave a bit of extra room for the glue and mark with a pencil a line, so you know where to cut. (Or you can cut two rectangles approximately 5cm by 20cm)

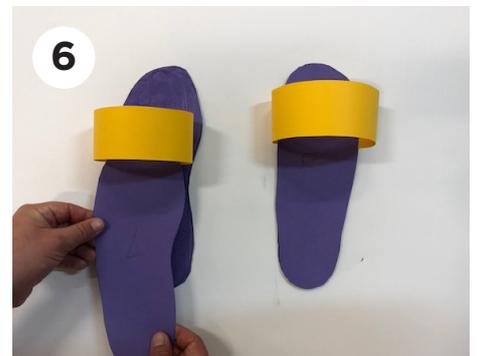


Apply glue to one end of the rectangle. Wrap it around, so that it forms a circle. Do this to each rectangle, so you have two circular shoe straps.



Cover the base of the left and right foot shapes in glue, (bottom part of the pair) covering the entire area. Then put the circular strap in the place that you would like it to fit.

Place glue inside the circular strap, where it is attached to the shoe base.



Place second foot shape on top of the first, putting it through the circular strap. Make sure to match the foot shape bases, left with left and right with right. Then decorate the strap of your sandal with glitter, fabric scraps or whatever you like. You may even want to draw or paint straight onto the top of the strap.



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Extra Time:

1. Come to the museum and visit *Inherit: old and new histories*, see if you can find the children's shoes in the collection. These shoes are made from velvet, which is a thick, soft fabric.

Do you think these shoes would have been made for a special occasion or to wear every day?
What are children's shoes made from today?

2. Many parents keep shoes or clothes from when their children are babies.

Ask your family if they have any "keepsakes" to show you.
How were these items made?
What materials are they made from?