

# Paper Craft Shoe

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Artist Jennifer Collier's stunning paper objects include typewriters, telephones and tea sets. She's put together this handy guide to making your very own pair of adorable paper shoes

What does it mean to walk in someone's shoes? Your Craft Club members could use maps of a special place, or scan in and print photographs, tickets or memorable objects to use for their shoes, and share a life experience or event from their perspective.



## materials

### You will need:

- Tracing paper
- Pencil • Scissors
- Glue Stick •
- Paper, map, or scanned photographs (A4 or larger per shoe)
- Machine thread • Sticky tape •
- Strong clear glue • Hole punch •
- Ribbon or string for 'shoelaces' •
- Sewing machine (set on straight stitch)

### Optional

- Crochet thread ('Coton à Broder' or similar) • Sewing needle.

### Before you start:

- Trace the template with a pencil and tracing paper (or you can scan/ photocopy it) and cut out.
  - Lay the template pieces onto your chosen map, draw around and cut out.
- TIP:** Put all of the tabs at the bottom so that your map is the right orientation.



1. Glue the decorative toe panel onto the front toe panel, lining up the tab with the middle tab marked \* on the template



2. Machine stitch around the top of the decorative toe panel to secure in place.



3. Machine stitch around the top of the back panel from the end of the tabs to the start of the tabs on the other side.

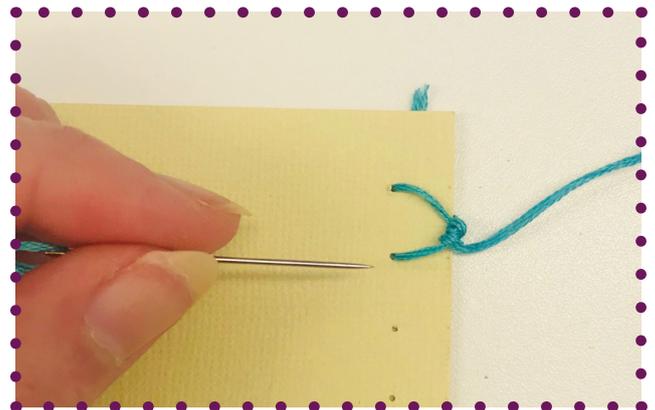
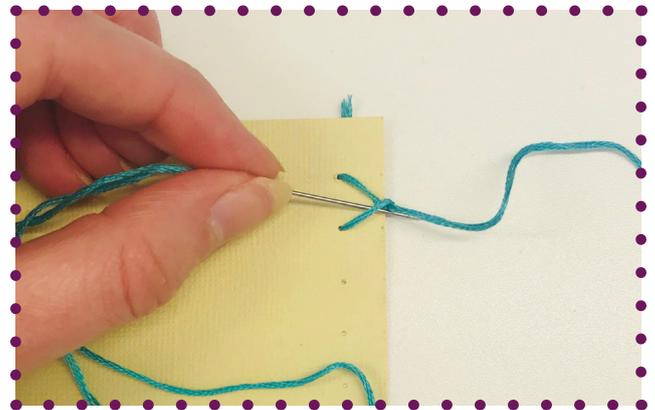
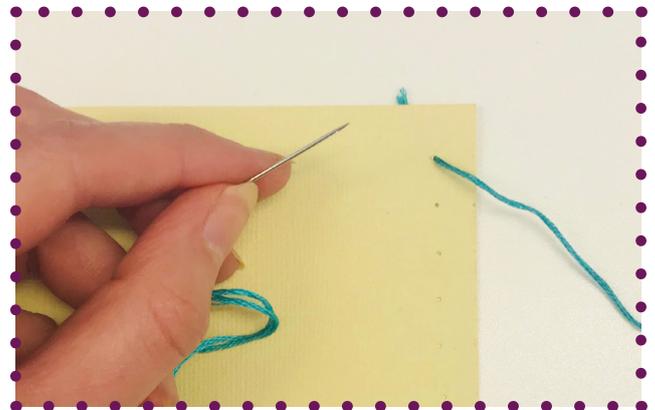


4. At this stage you can add the optional needle lace edge (below) to the outside of the back panel. See page 3 of this resource to learn how.

### Extra for Experts Optional Needle Lace Edge

1. Thread the needle with crochet thread, tying a knot at the end.
2. Using the existing machine stitch holes on the back panel of the shoe (holding the panel so the tabs are at the bottom), come through the back of the first hole starting at the right of the shoe, so the needle and thread are on the front of the panel.
3. From the front go through the second hole which will form a U shape in the thread and bring your needle from the back to the front of this U shape and pull this tight to the edge.
4. From the front go through this U shape of thread with your needle, which will make a second U shape, and bring your needle from the back to the front of this U shape and pull this tight.
5. Repeat this 3 times, but leaving the thread loose, rather than pulling it tight as before.
6. On the 5th stitch through the thread U shape pull the stitch tight, to lock off the thread. The 1st and 5th stitch are locking in stitches and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th are forming the needle lace.
7. Repeat this along the length until you reach the tabs on the other side, using the existing machine stitch holes as a guide.

**Tip: If you're short of time you can do blanket stitch too!**





6. Fold all tabs inwards (towards the blank side). Starting with the middle tab on the back panel (marked ^) matched to the middle point at the back of the inside sole panel (also marked ^) Tape the tabs to the back (blank) side.



7. Starting with the middle tab on the toe panel (marked \*) matched to the middle point at the front of the inside sole panel (also marked \*) Tape the tabs to the back (non-decorated) side (photo 4), again affixing one side, and then the other.

### Help! I don't have/can't use a sewing machine...

Don't worry! If you're working with young children or you don't have access to a sewing machine you can complete the shoes by simply sticking the tabs together and skipping the sewing stages.

You might want to add extra steps by decorating your shoes with a sequin trim or pom-poms



8. Glue the outside sole panel to the bottom of the shoe to hide the construction. Trim if necessary.



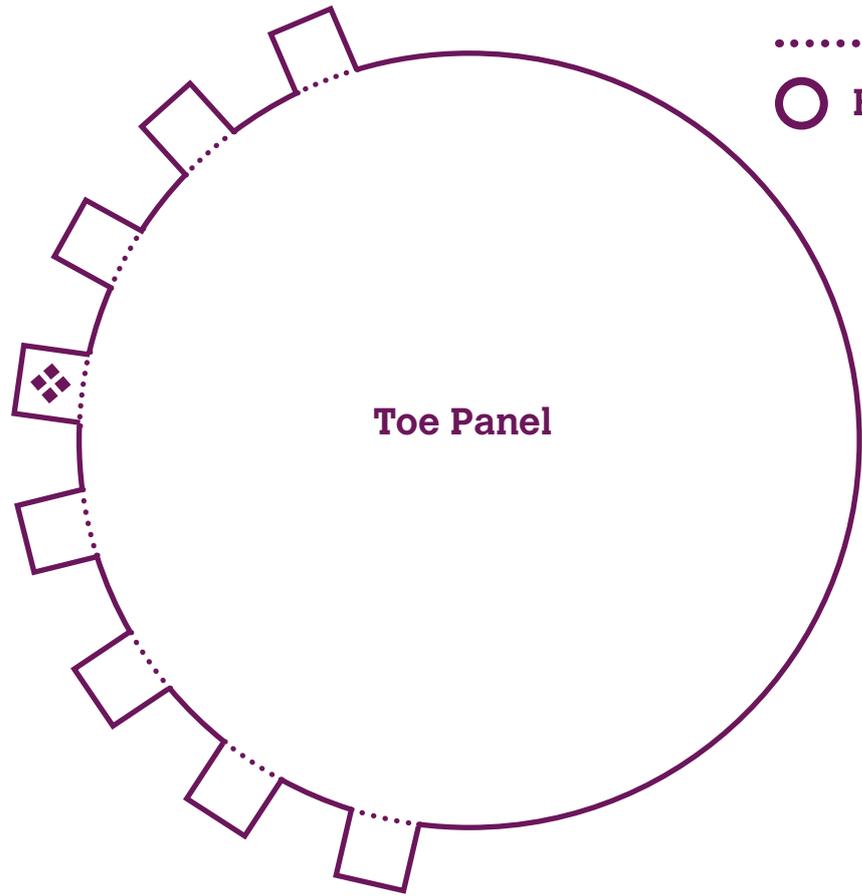
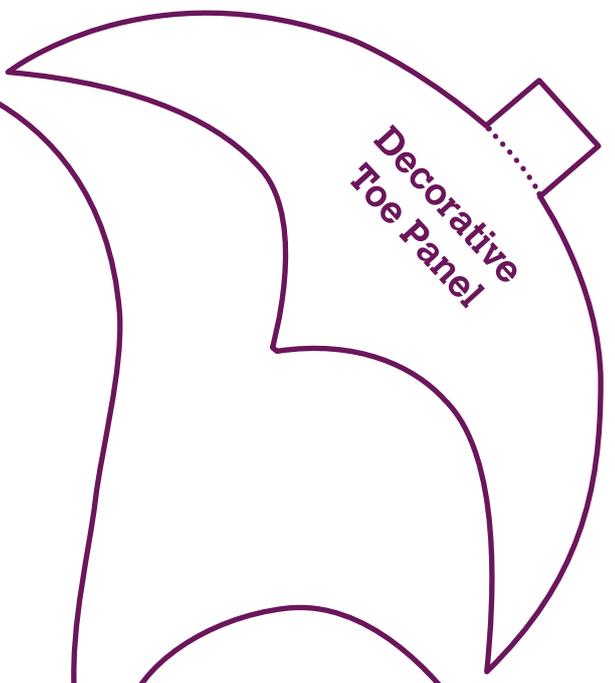
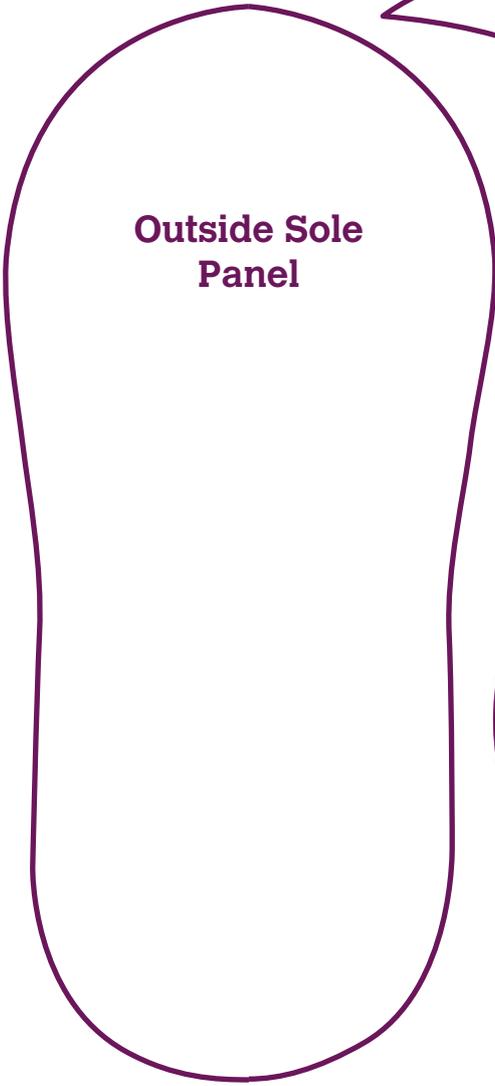
9. Punch a hole as marked on the back panel (photo 6), thread through a lace and tie in a bow



10. Repeat to create a 'pair' of shoes!

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- Cut
- ..... Fold
- Hole punch

