



## How to Sew Ribbons

To begin you will need 2 meters of ribbon, two dress maker pins, pale pink thread and a sewing needle. Cut your ribbon in half, and then cut those two pieces in half again (giving you 4 equal pieces of ribbon).

The ribbons will be sewn onto the shoe just behind the elastic. Fold the end of the ribbon and pin it through the cotton lining, and not through the leather, about a centimeter in length. You should angle the ribbon forward slightly so it will wrap up around the ankle more securely.

\*\*Placing the ribbon far enough away from your child's heel is important so please look closely at the photo as well as comparing it to your child's foot



Cut a piece of thread about 30cm long, or the length of your forearm, and tie a few knots at the end of the thread. Begin sewing! Make sure to only sew at the seam of the shoe but not through the binding as you may not be able to adjust the drawstring. Start sewing across the top of the ribbon to the other side and then back again to your starting spot, make a double knot and then cut off the excess thread.



Do the same on the other side of the shoe, and then the other shoe. Once you are done put your shoes on and tie the ribbons (see “How to tie ribbons form”) and cut the ribbon if you find it is too long.

Some people like to burn the ends of the ribbon to keep it from fraying – but this is a personal choice! You can also use fray check or clear nail polish but please be careful as this may cause discoloration of the ribbon and even your shoe.

Follow these simple steps and if you get it wrong don't worry! You can unpick the thread and start again.