

Thumbs Up It's Thursday!



Dora Gordine used to ask visitors to swap their shoes for slippers from her eclectic collection upon entering Dorich House.

MATERIALS:

Let's use what we have already at home! You can choose your materials from the list below.

- ★ For the slippers:

A4 paper (recycled or new), wrapping paper, bubble wrap, newspapers, magazines, cardboard

- ★ To glue:

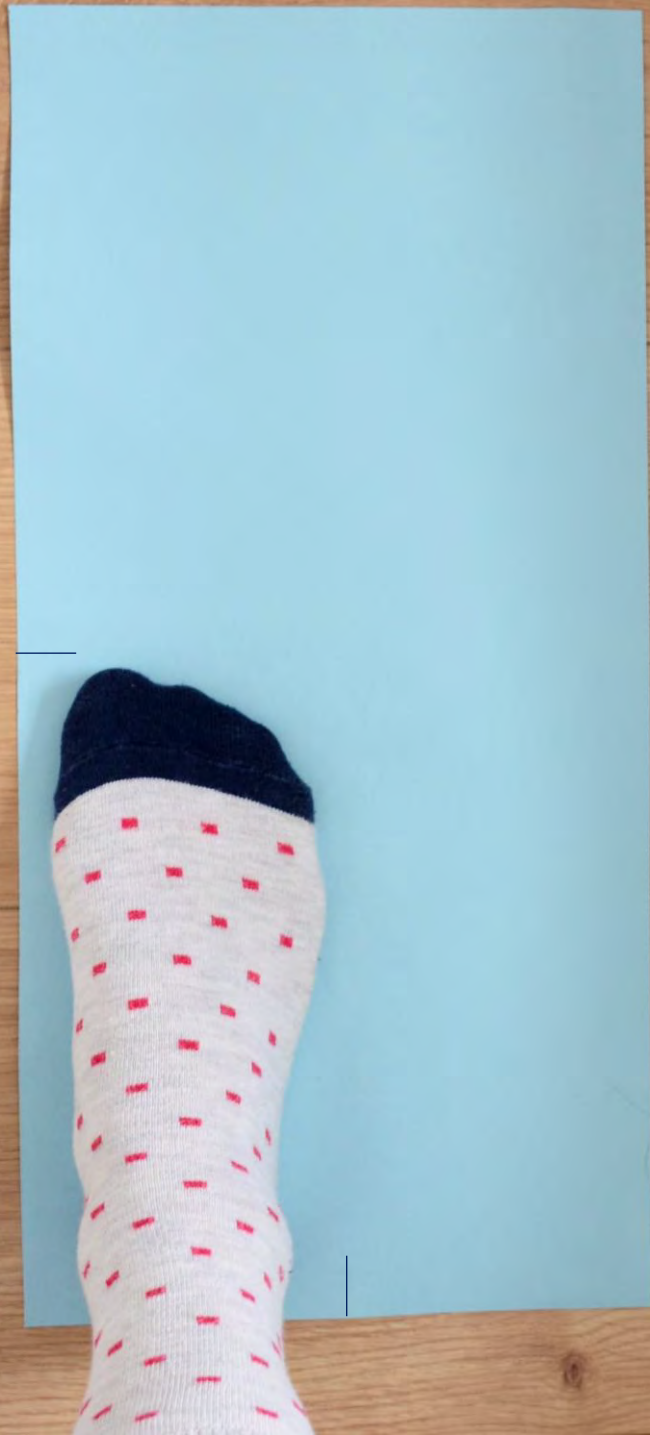
Glue stick, white glue, clips, paperclips, staples (get an adult to help if using staples!)

- ★ For decoration:

Colours, markers, stickers, gift bows, and anything else you can think of

- ★ Other materials:

Scissors, ruler, measuring tape, pencils, a spoon



STEPS

1. CHOOSING THE RIGHT PAPER

Get a piece of paper that measures almost double your foot length. If you don't have a large sheet of paper, you can tape two sheets together to get the right size.

2. MEASURING YOUR FEET

To make sure our slippers fit correctly, we will start by measuring our feet.

Since it is still cold, you might like to wear a pair of socks with your slippers. If so, put on your favourite socks before you measure your feet to have the perfect fit!

You can use a ruler or a measuring tape or just place your foot on the paper.

3. THE FOLDING STARTS

Place your foot in the middle of the paper, and draw a line on each side of your foot (line A)

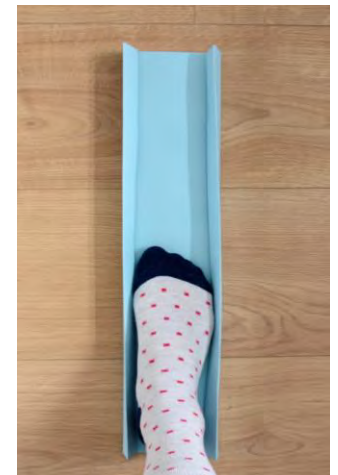
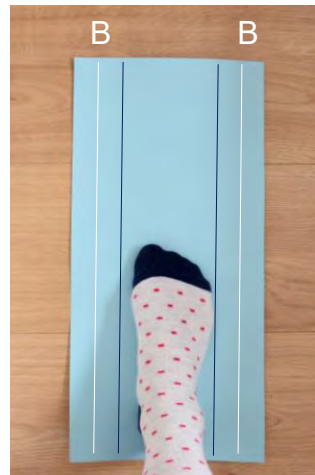
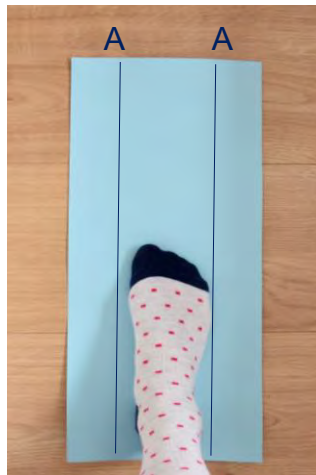
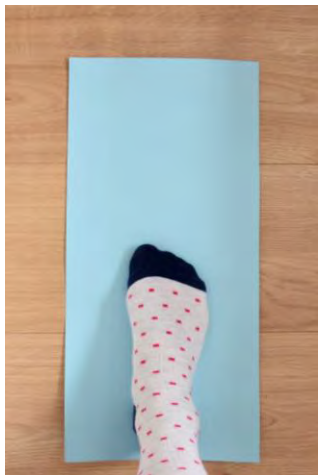
Draw line B in the middle between line A and the border of the paper.

Fold over to line A, making the crease on line B.

Then fold over again, making the crease on line A.

Make sure you crease the folds well; you could use the back of a spoon!

And then to be sure that it fits, place your foot inside to check the width.





4. FOLDING UP THE HEEL

Almost like wrapping a gift, fold over the back two sides and tape the tip over to form the heel of your slippers.





5. MEASURING YOUR SIZE

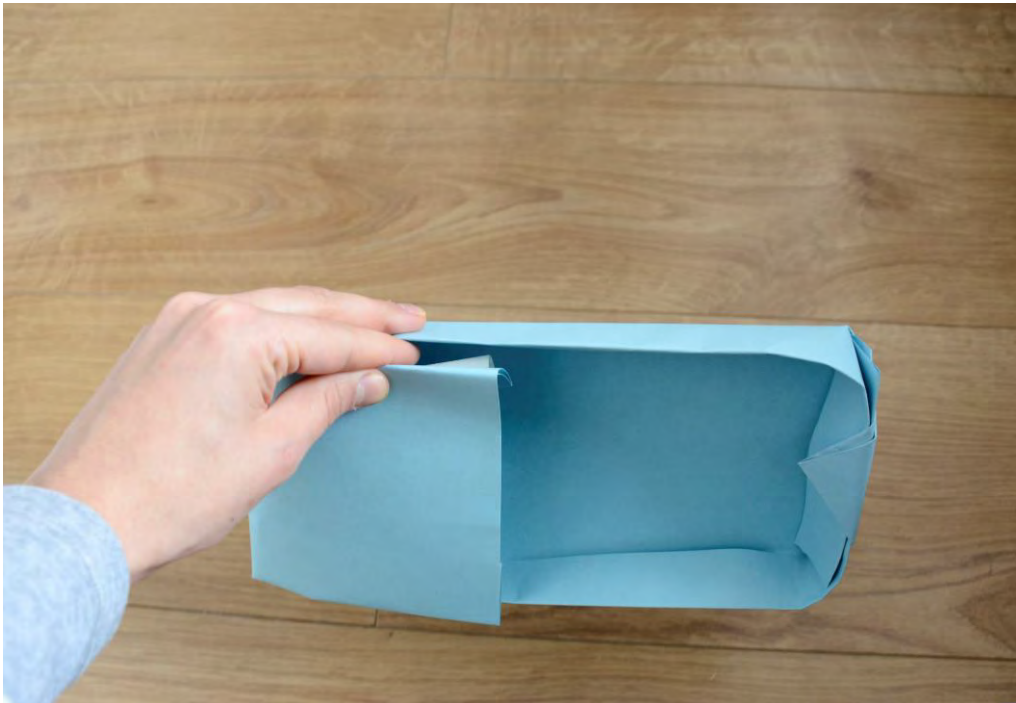
Place your foot into the back of the heel and measure how much you will need to fold over to make the top part of the slipper.





6. GLUE THE TOP TO THE SIDES

Using a clip, masking tape, a strong glue or even staples, fold over the top and glue the sides to the top. If you are working with glue, you could use paper clips to keep everything in place while it dries.



7. DECORATION!

I chose my favourite plates and spoon from the Russian Collection of the museum to decorate my slippers. Four plates to represent the members of my family and how eating together creates a feeling of home, also inspired by Dora who used to welcome friends at Dorich House.



Cloisonné Spoon
1908-17



Russian porcelain plate with birds and insects
c.1840



Commemorative plate Soviet State
Porcelain Factory
c. 1921



8..MORE DECORATION!

You could also decorate your paper by drawing on it, cutting and pasting any figure you want, or using stickers, gift bows, etc. Get creative!



9. ANOTHER OPTION TO MAKE SLIPPERS

In case you would like to make another kind of slippers, I found this other great tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy2jG1QuuxU>



NOTE: For this one, to get the right size of paper, multiply each measurement of your foot by 3.

Hope you enjoyed the activity
and let's get cosy with our family
while we wait for our future visitors,
perhaps with some slippers to swap for their shoes!



*Beautiful homes in which hospitality can be
given to friends have always been among the
most important foundations of civilised life.*

Dora Gordine, 'Beauty in the Home', *Not Only for Women*,
BBC Far Eastern Service Radio, 18 April 1950.

THANK YOU!