

## FLIP FLOPS: The Ultimate Symbol of Fun



Why not make a cute Flip Flop for someone you love and write some corny words like “my heart Flip Flops for you”? Or make a pair of Flip Flops to use on top of a gift box instead of a bow? These are so easy to make, and so addictive. You can’t make just one.

### Materials Needed:

- Scrap paper for pattern making
- Foam Core
- Craft Knife with fresh Blades
- Gel Medium or White Glue
- Stiff Bristle Brush ¼”
- Decorative Papers
- Black Cover Weight Paper

Make a 4” pattern on scrap paper to use for the sole and cut out. Place this pattern on the Form Core and, using a fresh blade in your craft knife, cut out the sole shape. Trace around this shape onto the Black Cover Weight paper using a light colored pencil. This will become the bottom of the Flip Flop. Cut out and put aside. For the top of the Flip Flop, choose coordinating papers for the top and strap. On the reverse side of a decorative paper, that will become the top, draw around the shape of the sole, adding an additional ½” all the way around. Cut out. Clip the ½” with straight cuts for easing the curves when you cover the shoe. Lightly coat glue on the top of foam core and on it’s edge with the stiff bristle brush. Place the glued side down on the reverse side of the decorative paper that’s cut and clipped. Put a small amount of glue about ¼” all the way around the edge. Starting in one place, work the clipped edges of the paper up and onto the back of the shoe. When completed, coat the entire bottom of the shoe with a light coat of glue and attach the Black Cover Weight bottom. Make a pattern for the strap out of scrap paper by making a V shape that’s slightly wider than the width of the sole. Extend the bottom of the V about 1/8” to allow for folding under and attaching to the Flip Flop top. When satisfied with the fit and shape, cut the strap out of a coordinating decorative paper. For simplicity, glue the strap sides to the outside of the Flip Flop’s narrow points. Fold the 1/8” bottom of V under & glue into place. Once you’ve got the hang of it, making these little shoes can be quick, a lot of fun and very addictive. Simply cut several of the Foam Core and Black Cover Weight pieces in advance, and let the shoe designer in you come out.