

# How to Reconnect the Sole of a Shoe

Is your shoe losing its sole? Has the bond between its upper and rugged tread been broken? If so, here is a tutorial to reattach the tread of your shoe

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## INTRODUCTION

This tutorial shows the general steps to take for reattaching the sole of your shoe. Before you start this repair, purchase some shoe repair glue online or from your local shoe store. You should be able to find the other materials around your house.

## **TOOLS:**

- Heavy Object (1)
- **Books or Weights**
- Shoe Goo (1)
- Clorox Wipes (1)
- Paper Towels (1)

#### Step 1 — How to Reconnect the Sole of a Shoe



- Lay several sheets of paper towels down in order to protect the surface you are working on.
- Take a Clorox Wipe and thoroughly clean the area where the separation has occurred.

(i) Make sure the shoe is completely dry before moving to the next step

#### Step 2



- Generously apply glue to both surfaces of the separated shoe.
- Wait for about 2 minutes to allow the glue to set before reconnecting the sole.
- (i) Make sure that glue is applied to every surface that is being reconnected
- When the glue application is done, press and hold the sole and the separated surface together in order for the glue to dry.

### Step 3



- Clean up any excess glue that has oozed out of the split with a Clorox Wipe.
  - (i) Removing glue is much easier when it is still wet. If some glue oozes out during the drying process, it can still be removed yet it will be more difficult.

#### Step 4



- Stuff an object, such as a 1/2 filled water bottle or newspaper, into the shoe to keep its form.
- Stack heavy objects on top of the part of the shoe that is being reconnected.
  - The sole of the shoe may shift when stacking the weight. Make sure the sole is inline with the shoe.
  - (i) Due to the shoe's curvature, I had to place an object under the heal of the shoe to get the desired contact.

#### Step 5



- Remove any excess glue with a Wet rag or moist towelette.
  - (i) In order to remove the dried glue, you may need to apply a lot of pressure and scrub rigorously.
- The shoe is now fixed and ready to use.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.