

Technique:	Fabric Crafting
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	Afternoon
Finished size:	Your shoe size

Featuring Team Spirit Zippers

Show a little team spirit by trimming your sneakers in the colors of choice. It's quick and easy enough that kids can do it too, echoing their school spirit in style.

Supplies

- (1) pair of sneakers
- Contrasting color shoe laces
- (12) Pony beads
- (1) Coats® Team Spirit separating zipper in color combo of your choice
- Fabric glue
- Spring clips

Trimming the Shoes

1. Separate the zipper and remove the zipper pull. Cut off the bottom zipper stop.
2. Remove the original shoe laces from the shoes.
3. Place a line of glue just inside the upper edge eyelet overlap of the shoe and fold under the upper zipper end. Position the zipper under the overlap edge and clamp in place, leaving the teeth extending beyond the shoe edge like piping.
4. Continue the glue line under the eyelet area, positioning the zipper as above and clamp in place.
5. Continue gluing, setting the zipper and clamping until you get around to the other end of the eyelet overlap. Trim the zipper $\frac{1}{2}$ " (.27cm) beyond the length needed, fold under the end and glue in place.
6. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly before removing the clamps.
7. Repeat for the second shoe using the other half of the zipper.
8. Re-lace the shoes with team color shoelaces and add 3 beads to the end of each shoe lace. Knot the lace ends to keep the beads in place.

TIP: *On large size shoes, more than one zipper may be needed to have enough length for the zipper trimming process. Be sure to measure the shoes before purchasing. If more than one zipper is needed, simply abut the teeth and glue in place, or put the joining at the center back of the shoe where it will be less obvious.*

