

Summer Crafting - had me a blast!

“You’d better plan to make a lot of money with the taste you have,” my mom told me, in reference to my desire to always own the cutest shoes and clothes.

I am currently a college student with a very limited budget – I basically live by the dollar (not joking). Clearly, that hunger to have the most fashionable items in my closet is not always satisfied. I used to sneak out to the mall every other paycheck, but retail prices would only allow me to purchase one or two things.

Well mom, I found a way to keep more money in my wallet while putting more clothes and shoes in my closet. I have been popping into Goodwill the last few weeks and, to my surprise, they have great finds! Some people will shrug thrift store shopping off, saying many of the items are too old-fashioned. What they fail to realize is that places like Goodwill often have brand name pieces at affordable prices, as well as other items that can be crafted into something super trendy. Now, not all of us have the time or the patience (that’s me) to sit through a two-day project, but DIY doesn’t have to be that way.

Let me show you the potential of two items from Goodwill (total of \$14) that made for a simple DIY project (estimated twenty minutes) that I found on [Buzzfeed](#). Summer seems to bring out my willingness to try new things, and this summer brought out my inner fashionista. This project was inspired by a patriotic theme for summer lake days and 4th of July barbeques.

Supplies:

- Sandals (Goodwill)
- Scarf (Goodwill)
- Glue gun
- Scissors



Step 1: Take the scarf and cut it into four separate sections.



Step 2: Insert the scarf between the thong and the sandal strap. Do this on both sandals.



Step 3: As you wrap the scarf around each side of the sandal strap, use the hot glue gun to glue the scarf to the strap. Do this on both sandals.



Your halfway point should look like this:



Step 4: Insert the other part of the scarf between the thong and the sandal strap. Do this on both sandals.



Step 5: Put your newly fashioned sandals on and wrap the scarf piece around your ankle to your liking. And... DONE!



Looks simple, right? Don't get me wrong - I struggled for a moment during this project.



Courtesy: Snapchat (esdresults)

However, the final product was well worth the effort. Now, I have my shoes for the 4th of July! I just need to make another visit to Goodwill for the rest of my outfit.

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