

# Let's Play: Making Tap Shoes

## Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to demonstrate use of creativity and imagination in learning and play.

## Materials Needed:

- ▶ 14 pennies
- ▶ Older pair of shoes
- ▶ Hot glue gun or strong glue (adult use only)
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Optional - costumes



## Participants:

This activity requires a parent to make the tap shoes. Children can use them without parent interaction.

## Directions:

**Step 1:** Gather pennies and shoes and plug in the hot glue gun out of the reach of children.

**Step 2:** Cluster four pennies near the toe of the shoe, and three at the heel, adjusting as needed for size. Glue pennies into place, flush against the sole of the shoe and let them dry fully (adult only).

**Step 3:** Show your child the tap shoes and help them put them on. Find some fun music and maybe even some dress up clothes for your child to dance in.\*

*\*Safety Tip: If you have younger children, find a room your child can use the tap shoes without younger siblings around just in case any pennies come off.*