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Thank you for choosing a Soles2dance product. Here are instructions on how to work with **SUEDE-DIY** sheets.

## I. Instructions

While there are many uses for SUEDE-DIY sheets, most of our customers use SUEDE-DIY sheets to craft suede soles for their dance shoes. Accordingly, these instructions are written with reference to dance shoes, but can easily be applied to other uses. Regardless of the intended use, **please read the warning in the red text box.**

1. Place the sole of your shoe on the brown, 3M-branded liner of the suede sheet and trace the contour of that sole on the liner with a permanent marker.
2. Use a pair of good household scissors or a utility knife to cut out the soles as marked.
3. Rigorously clean the soles of your existing shoes to which you want to stick the cut-out suede piece. A steel or wire brush is ideal for most shoes.
4. Peel back the toe-end of the liner of the adhesive backing, just half an inch or so, and ever so lightly stick the exposed adhesive of that toe end to the toe end of the shoe sole. Once the adhesive touches the shoe sole lightly, orient the remainder of the stick-on sole so that it is aligned with the shoe sole. Then gently push down on the tip of the toe end of the stick-on sole in order to attach it securely to the toe end of the shoe sole.
5. Slowly and carefully peel back more of the liner of the adhesive backing, while simultaneously rolling the stick-on sole onto the shoe sole. Do this at the same rate, at which the adhesive is being revealed as you peel back the liner.
6. Repeat Steps 1-5 for the heels if your dance shoes are flat shoes, not high-heeled shoes.
7. After attaching your suede soles to your shoes, put the shoes on and stand or cautiously walk in them for a few minutes. Also, stand still and shift your weight around so that all areas of your suede soles bear most of your weight, at least for a few seconds. Do not skip this step: the 3M adhesive is pressure sensitive and will create a better bond under high pressure.
8. For ladies' high-heeled shoes, it is not customary, necessary, or recommended to stick suede under the small contact area of the high heel. If you insist on putting suede there, we recommend using Superglue or contact cement to stick suede to that small contact area.

## II. Usage Recommendations

This section offers some useful tips that will help you make the most of your SUEDE-DIY product. We assume that you already successfully affixed your stick-on suede patches to your shoes.

1. Bear in mind that suede soles work well only on well-maintained, studio-quality hardwood floors. Suede soles are terrible on pretty much all other floors, especially those of nightclubs or dance clubs where spilled drinks make the floor sticky. For those floors we recommend our low-friction products LOFRI-04 or LOFRI-DIY (see [www.soles2dance.com](http://www.soles2dance.com)). Under no circumstances should you use suede soles on abrasive surfaces such as concrete or asphalt – these surfaces will literally shred your suede soles within minutes. Instead, use our super-low-friction stick-on sole SULOFR1, also available at [www.soles2dance.com](http://www.soles2dance.com)
2. After dancing, use a wire brush to remove dirt from your suede soles. Be careful near the edges of the stick-on soles: vigorous brushing can detach the stick-on sole from the dance shoe.
3. **If suede patches partially detach during use**, you can glue them back on with Superglue, available at all hardware stores. Beware that any part of the stick-on sole that is super-glued to the shoe sole will bond permanently, that is, you may or may not be able to remove the stick-on sole at a later time, even if you try to peel it off forcefully.

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### **Warning**

The 3M 300LSE industrial-strength adhesive on the back of SUEDE-DIY is **extremely sticky**. Do not touch it with your fingers or with any object other than the surface that you want to attach the suede to. Any object accidentally touching the adhesive will stick to the adhesive just as strongly as the suede material does. Thus, when trying to pull away an object that is accidentally touching the adhesive, the adhesive may stick to the object and detach from the suede material instead. The elaborate Steps 4 and 5 in these instructions are meant to prevent accidental touching of the adhesive.

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