

HOW-TO: GLAM UP YOUR SHOES

By Brookelynn Morris

❖ Can't find the perfect pair of shoes in your closet? Instead of shopping, get creative. Take a less-than-perfect pair and transform them into the ultimate gleaming metallic accessory.

I used a Krylon Copper Leafing Pen to cover basic black heels in a shimmering layer of paint. Since it's a pen and not a brush, no time is lost taping the inside or even cleaning up. Instant gratification! And if you dance all night long and scuff your copper heels, just touch them up with another pass of the leafing pen before the next soiree!

MATERIALS

- » Shoes
- » 1 Krylon Copper Leafing Pen
- » Tissue paper or newspaper

Step 1: Make sure the surface of the shoes is perfectly clean, then stuff them with tissue paper. The paper gives you some resistance to draw against and also catches any drips.

Step 2: Shake the paint pen well to mix the metallic paint. (It has a rattle that sounds just like a spray paint can!) Press the tip of the pen up and down on scrap paper and the paint will start to flow.

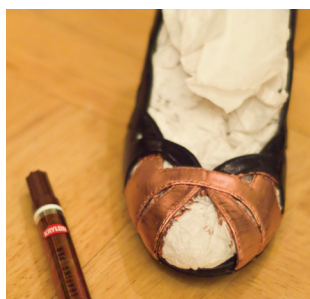
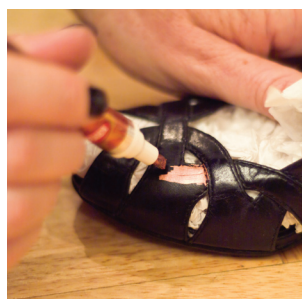
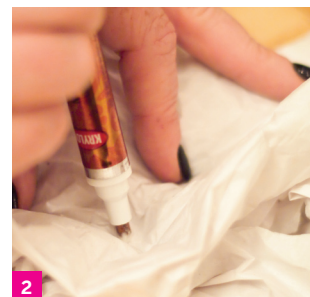
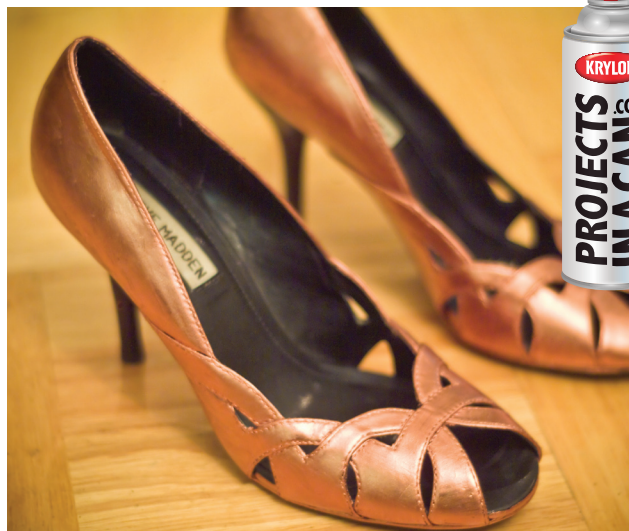
Step 3: Start at the toe and make even, overlapping strokes with the paint pen. Use enough pressure that the paint covers smoothly, but not so much that the paint blobs or runs.

Step 4: After you've applied the first coat, let the paint dry for a few minutes, then fill in any streaks with a second pass of the pen. The shoe will be completely dry in 10 minutes. Just in time for you to get dressed for the party!



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Disclaimer: Shoes may need touch ups after use.