Learn: How to Tie Your Shoe

Library Books & Materials

Bear needs help
by Sarah S Brannen
Needing help with his untied shoe, a lumbering young polar bear inadvertently scares away the other animals he approaches for help before two plucky birds step up with some friendly, if unconventional, advice.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten
Rock N’ Learn DVD
Covers getting dressed, tying shoes, using scissors, sorting and counting, printing letters and numbers, left/right direction and more.

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Learning Lace Tying: The Dance of the Coloured Shoe Lace
by Samya Engelbrecht
This fun children’s rhyming story takes kids and their parents/care-givers step by step through the lace tying process, demonstrating use of the EZI-LACE-UPS - unique tri-coloured shoelaces using colors to make shoelace tying fun, interesting and easy to see which bits go where, building confidence. Even color blindness is catered for!
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Online Resources

Hands-On Activities

Tissue Box Shoes
Featured on the Laughing Kids Learn blog, you can make your own simple tool to teach your children to tie their shoelaces.

Activities to Build Fine Motor Skills
Check out this blog developed by an Occupational Therapist, the OT Toolbox, and learn some fun activities that will build your child’s hand strength, hand and finger manipulation and dexterity, visual motor skills, and visual perception. Includes videos with different shoe tying methods.

Learn to Tie Your Shoes!
Super Simply Play: Catie’s Classroom
YouTube video to show children how to tie their shoes. This video may contain ads and its content does not reflect the views of the Metropolitan Library System.

Community Resources

Rainbow Fleet
Rainbow Fleet has a library of toys and resources for parents. Rainbow Fleet Toy Library has toys that help children build fine motor skills.