



How to Use Jet Glue on Pointe Shoes

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How do YOU make your pointe shoes go the distance? JET GLUE!

The key to jet gluing is to know your feet and how they fit in your shoes. Where does your shoe die? Where are the soft spots? Where are your feet the strongest, requiring the most support? Where does your arch fit in the shoe?

A small bottle costs around \$9.99, which may seem like a lot at first, but is well worth the money when you consider how much pointe shoes cost. A little bottle goes a long way!

1. You will need jet glue, a safety pin, rubber gloves, and of course, dead pointe shoes!
2. The jet glue bottle always comes sealed, and even if you have used it, it will usually glue shut, so you will need to carefully break the seal by inserting the safety pin into the tip of the bottle.
3. Pull the drawstrings outside of the shoes so they do not accidentally get stuck inside!
4. If the box of your shoes need support, tip your shoes down and put the tube inside of the shoe. Make sure the bottle does not drip on the exterior of the shoe, as it leaves a mark.
5. Gently squeeze the bottle so the liquid glue drips across the platform. Add a few drops to the corners of the box, where the shoe often dies, and add some extra glue on the creases of the shank connecting to the box – basically, the sides. Watch out! This stuff drips fast.
6. If your shank, or your arches, need support, flip the shoe over and locate where your arches would be. Then, holding the bottle on the surface, gently squeeze like you are drawing on the shoe. You don't need to squeeze too hard here.
7. To dry, lean your shoes on the wall so that the box is down and the arch is away from the wall. If you don't have a spot this will work, you could also hang the shoes on the back of a chair.