

TIE-A-BOW BOOK

Who could resist tying the laces in Sam's shoes or the ribbons on Poppy's painting apron? Lots of fun with ribbons laces and cords to tie on every page.

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Coordination

Your child has probably been watching you tie his/her shoes for a few years now so here's their chance to see how it's done! In this book, Sam and Poppy each have different bows to tie and untie. Let your child untie the bow or laces on the pages and have them watch you tie it back up again. It's going to take some practice before "tying" becomes easy. If the strings in the book seem a little small for them to practice with, trace your foot on a piece of cardboard, like from the back of a tablet or even an empty cereal box, and cut the foot-shape out. By using your foot as a pattern, it will be just big enough for them to practice on. Your child can color the foot so that it looks like a real shoe! Poke eight holes on the top of the foot – four across from each other. Use either an old shoestring or a piece of ribbon or heavy string and lace the shoe up so that your child practice tying. They'll think it's pretty funny lacing up your foot while they practicing!

Don't forget to look for the little yellow duck that shows up throughout the book.