

## Gluing On Taps

Cloggers at the Salem Square Dance Center are requested to use regular glue-on clogging taps. This saves the wooden floor from scratches that could occur with nail-on taps. Buck taps are not allowed.

To glue taps on, place the enclosed round stickers over the back of the rivets. This prevents the glue from getting into the rivets and hindering the action of the double clogging taps.

Position the toe taps  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in from the edge of the toe of the shoe. The heel taps should also be positioned  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch back from the edge of the shoe heel. The taps should not extend beyond the edge of the shoe sole.

Roughen the sole of the shoe where taps are to be glued. Clean off any debris. Position the taps and outline with a pen.

Generously apply glue to the soles within the tap outlines. Then apply glue to the back of the taps. Press glued tap surface to the glued surface of the sole. You are pressing two glued surfaces together. Use masking tape to hold the taps on the shoe while the glue dries.

Whatever glue you use, be sure to allow the full curing time. Glue will not hold properly if disturbed before the full setting time has elapsed. Curing could take up to 48 hours. If sufficient glue has been used and fully allowed to set, the hold should be so strong that the only way to get the tap off is to pry it off with a stout screwdriver.

For glue try these products. "E-6000" found at Fred Meyer or Michael's and "Shoe Goo" found at Fred Meyer shoe departments or shoe repair stores and chucks such as "Liquid Nails".

