

Happy Feet! Frequently Asked Questions

A few common questions:

Do I have to use quilting cotton for my sneakers? No. Lightweight canvas (cotton or linen) works beautifully. You DO need to use quilting cotton for your binding. Avoid fabrics that don't breathe, non-woven fabrics, or fabrics that can't be used with fusible interfacing.

Should I quilt my fabric before class day? Yes! Fabrics may be quilted by machine or on a longarm. Simple grid quilting or free-motion styles work best. If you need assistance or have questions, call the shop at 804-794-1990, and/or sign up for a PhD (Projects Half Done) Tuesday session.

Do your soles come in a wide width? Technically, no. But they are a bit wider than American shoe soles. The toe box is wide and round—plenty of toe-wiggling room. I've found that the shoe sizes are almost identical to Dansko or Birkenstock shoe sizes.

Do I need to purchase a kit to take the class? Yes. The kit contains everything you need besides fabrics and interfacings. If you have taken the class before, let us know – you'll be able to purchase the kit minus the pattern.

I'm a beginning quilter. Is this class beginner friendly? This is an intermediate class. If you are comfortable with accurate pattern cutting with shears, applying a narrow binding by machine, and if you can machine quilt (walking foot or free motion) smoothly, you should be fine.

I have a physical restriction of some sort. Is this class doable for me? I've had students who are deaf, who live with arthritis, and who use wheelchairs. I'll do everything possible to make you comfortable and successful. If you need special accommodation, please get in touch after you register (bucklebeebags@gmail.com) and I'll be ready to work with you!