



Bespoke Quilted Sneakers

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Location: Treelotta (In-person attendance is assumed. Please let us know if you plan to join us via Zoom instead. For this class, you would need to provide your own tools if you are joining us virtually.)

Class Description:

Learn how to make your very own bespoke sneakers! In this class, we will sew the quilted uppers of the sneaker, punch holes for laces, and attach the uppers to the soles. Shoe-making tools and thread will be provided and shared during class.

In order to do this class, students must purchase a **Sneaker Starter Kit from Tandy Leather**. Please purchase the kit at least 2 weeks in advance of the class to allow for shipping.

Skill level:

Intermediate Sewist. You should be familiar with your sewing machine and able to sew without much instruction. You **do not** need to be familiar with shoe-making.

Please complete before first class:

- ☐ Please watch [THIS VIDEO](#) for instructions on how to get ready for class.
- ☐ **Important:** Please order your Sneaker Kit from Tandy Leather ahead of class. It may only take a few days for your kit to arrive, but we recommend **ordering it a couple of weeks in advance** to make sure that you have it in time. If your kit does not arrive in time, it will still be worth attending class because building the upper takes more than half of the class time, and you only need the soles for the very last part of the class (when you sew the upper to the sole).
- ☐ Please decide which style of sneaker you are making (low rise, mid rise, or high rise) and print out your pattern. There is a large pattern sheet included in your sneaker kit, but for class we will use the printed patterns that you can find [HERE](#). Choose your size and print it out. Make sure to print at 100% scale/default scale. Do not let your printer "fit to page." Then your shoes wouldn't fit. ;))
- ☐ The video above will give you instructions on how to prep your pattern before class. We will be adding seam allowance where it is needed.

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- ☐ If you are doing any patchwork or embroidery for your shoes, please have that done before class.

Supplies:

- ☐ Sneaker Kit - please order this from [Tandy Leather](#) at least one week before class, but preferably 2 weeks or more to allow for any delays in shipping.
- ☐ Fabrics for Shoes - If you would like a patchwork shoe, please have your patchwork completed before class. Otherwise, you will need up to 3 different fabrics: one for the outside of the shoe, one for the lining, and one for the tongue of the shoe. Yardage will depend on which style and size you are making as well as the directionality of your fabrics. If you have prepped your pattern, you should be able to lay it out on the fabric. Or, I would imagine that $\frac{1}{3}$ yard each would be more than enough for most sizes, styles, and directionality.
- ☐ Fusible fleece - $\frac{1}{3}$ yard
- ☐ Woven Interfacing (SF101) - $\frac{3}{4}$ yard (20" wide)
- ☐ Thread for quilting uppers (I used Aurifil 50wt cotton thread for quilting and used a triple stitch to help the quilting show up better. You could use almost anything for this part - maybe even a fun metallic thread? Or just use the same thread that you are using for construction.)
- ☐ Thread for constructing the uppers - I recommend using our HomeDec threads for durability.
- ☐ Sewing machine (remember your power cord, foot pedal, bobbins, needles [80/12 or 90/14] presser foot you like for quilting, etc.)
- ☐ Sewing tools: thread snips, fabric scissors, rotary cutter, ruler, pins/clips, etc.

Optional:

- ☐ Finger protectors/grippers for pulling the needle through the soles
- ☐ Your own shoe-building tools (but, we will have tools to share)

TreeLotta Class Policies

We are a fragrance-free shop: As a courtesy to individuals who are sensitive to fragrances, we would ask that you refrain from wearing any perfumes, scented lotions or body sprays, or strong scents in general. Thank you.

Class cancellation: Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit. Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

Parking: Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in their lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.