

Bespoke Quilted Sneakers

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Location The Quilt Store

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 those uppers to the soles.

To get your class discount please use coupon code: **SneakerClass10**

In order to complete this class, students must purchase a **Patchwork Kicks Quilted Sneaker Kit** from The Quilt Store. There are 3 kit options: [All Inclusive](#), [Essentials](#), and [Simply Soles](#). Each kit contains a different assortment of tools and materials, depending on what you already have. Please see the complete list of required tools, below, to determine what you need. Soles come in 2 colors, White or Dark Gray, and are US Women's Whole Sizes. **Please purchase your kit at least 2 weeks in advance of the class to allow for shipping. We do not keep these products on-hand in the shop. We will let you know when they are ready for pick up.**

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 shoemaking.

Please complete before first class:

- **Important:** Please order your Sneaker Kit 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).
- We will be making the "Classic 3 in 1" sneaker which includes 3 different styles of sneaker (low rise, mid rise, or high rise) and you'll need to print out your pattern. 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.” The gauge is very important, and you may need to fiddle with printer settings to achieve it.

- You will need to have quilted your fabric choices before class. For this class, you will be quilting the interfaced exterior fabrics to a piece of batting. Please note that you are NOT quilting it to the lining fabric. It's counterintuitive to what we do as quilters but please, interfaced exterior and batting ONLY. If you are doing any patchwork or embroidery for your shoes, please have that done and quilted before class.

Supplies:

- 1 pair [Patchwork Kicks Quilted Sneaker Kit](#) - please order this from The Quilt Store at least one week before class, but preferably 2 weeks or more to allow for any delays in shipping.
- Fat Quarter - upper shoe and tongue* (For shoe sizes over an 11US, you will need 1/2 yard of fabric). Cotton fabric, canvas, waxed canvas, linen are all fun fabric choices. If you would like a patchwork shoe, please have your patchwork completed before class. *A note about directional fabrics:* You are certainly welcome to use directional fabrics. Please increase your fabric size to a 1/2 yard if the direction of the fabric requires it and please also note, that the pattern is built on an angle. That may have an impact on your final product's look.
- Fat Quarter - lining for shoe and tongue* (For shoe sizes over an 11US, you will need 1/2 yard of fabric).
- *Contrast fabric for tongue if you prefer - at least a 12" square of upper and lining fabrics.
- A scrap, roughly 4" square for a shoelace strap.
- Fat Quarter - batting.
- Woven Interfacing (SF101) - 3/4 yard (20" wide)
- Thread for constructing the uppers
- 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.
- A marking tool. I use an Ultra Fine Sharpie marker in black or Frixion pen (unless your fabric is dark, then have a white or silver marking pen) This needs to show up on your fabric choices, so choose accordingly. It can be a permanent marker as we will not see the markings. I do not recommend a regular tip Sharpie as it can bleed on your fabric.
- Hole Punch: Included in the ["All Inclusive Kit."](#) I generally bought them from [Harbor Freight](#) or [Amazon](#).
- 5mm Grommets (Included in the ["All Inclusive Kit."](#))
- Heel tab (Optional) : 1" or less. Webbing or ribbon work well.
- [Sewing Awl](#) (Included in the ["All Inclusive Kit."](#))
- [Waxed Nylon](#) (Included in the ["All Inclusive Kit."](#))
- Shoelaces: 47" for the low and mid-rise and 54" for the high tops. (Included in the ["All Inclusive Kit."](#))

