

Shoemaking workshop

The workshop takes place on site in my atelier at Vagnmakaregatan 1B, Gothenburg, Sweden. A maximum of one participant per course. The course can be partially tailored to individual needs. The total course duration is seven days, plus an initial meeting (preferably held at my atelier).

Participants should have some experience handling sharp tools. All steps of the process are discussed in detail, but many of the operations are carried out by Strokes & Stitches. Other steps are performed by the participant under the supervision of Strokes & Stitches.

Should an error occur during production for which the participant is personally responsible, the cost of correcting the mistake will be borne by the participant. This may include, for example, damage to the leather caused by a slipped knife.

Certain drying times and other "waiting periods" occur during the process. During these times, theoretical instruction is provided, along with guided self-study using specialist literature available on site.

All materials (lasts, leather, soles, etc.) are of the highest quality available. I work with suppliers and tanneries in Sweden, Germany, Italy, and France. Material costs are included in the course fee and account for approximately 15-20% of the total cost.

At the end of the course, the participant will take home their handmade shoes as well as the custom-made lasts. If, for any reason, the shoes are not completed within the course period, Strokes & Stitches will take responsibility for finishing them.

Meals and any accommodation are the responsibility of the participant.

Price: €3,200 ≈ SEK 35,000 + VAT.

A 25% deposit is payable upon completed registration. The remaining 75% is due at the start of the course. Invoices are issued upon registration and again well in advance of the course start date.

Ordering raw materials and leather takes approximately one month. Please allow around three months from registration to course start. The first course begins in January 2026. Course dates are agreed individually between the participant and Strokes & Stitches.

Approximate course schedule (subject to change)

1. Initial meeting, online or on site at Strokes & Stitches. Discussion of model, materials, and shoe size/fit.
2. Ordering of raw materials and leather for lasts and shoes.
3. Day 1 - Atelier: Measurements, last modification, design sketches, pattern cutting, and transfer to upper leather and lining.
4. Day 2 - Atelier: Stitching of upper leather and lining. Preparations for the insole.
5. Day 3 - Atelier: Work on the insole and preliminary lasting.
6. Day 4 - Atelier: Lasting and welt stitching. Work on the outsole.
7. Day 5 - Atelier: Continued work on the outsole and stitching of welt and outsole.
8. Day 6 - Atelier: Heel building.
9. Day 7 - Atelier: Grinding and finishing of heel and sole, surface treatment and waxing of heel, sole, and upper leather, insertion of the insole, removal of the lasts, and delivery of the shoes.