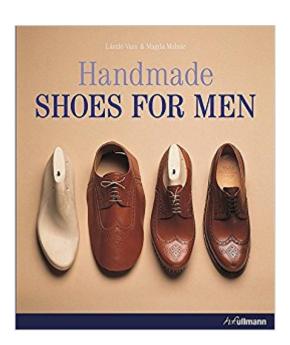


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Handmade Shoes For Men





Synopsis

A man \tilde{A} ¢ $\hat{\alpha}$ $\neg \hat{a}_n$ ¢s shoes are the most important items in his wardrobe. However, a pair of custom-made welted shoes goes beyond mere items of apparel. They are the creation of a master craftsman, expressing the social standing of the wearer while simultaneously providing the delicate structure of the feet with optimum protection from the stress and strain of everyday life. Custom-made shoes are also a work of art in leather, designed for the distinctive feet and the individual taste of the fashion-conscious gentleman. This book takes an expert look into the workshops of internationally renowned shoemakers. The many detailed photographs in this book reveal the closely-guarded secrets and tricks of the trade that come between the taking of measurements and the completion of the shoe. This book is for those with a sense of both fashion and tradition, for those who love shoes. It is also a worthy introduction, for both the professional and the layman, to the wealth of tradition that is waiting to be discovered in the shoemaker \tilde{A} ¢ $\hat{\alpha}$ $\neg \hat{a}_n$ ¢s workshop.

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Customer Reviews

Magda Molnar, born in Budapest in 1943, studied English literature at Budapest University. She subsequently worked as managing editor at various leading Hungarian publishing houses. Magda Molnar \tilde{A} ¢ \hat{a} $\neg \hat{a}$,¢s particular interest in shoemaking is rooted in her family history: her grandfather practiced the profession of shoemaker for 50 years, specializing in handmade shoes and gentlemen \tilde{A} ¢ \hat{a} $\neg \hat{a}$,¢s boots.

LÃfÂ $_{\rm i}$ szlÃf Vass, born in Budapest in 1946, worked in the Hungarian fashion house of Magyar Divatintezet as a clicker, closer, shoemaker, and designer from 1964 until 1969. In 1970, having gained his professional shoemaking qualification, he joined a private workshop specializing in handmade shoes and ladies' boots as assistant chief designer and shoemaker. In 1978, Vass founded his own workshop and opened a business in the centrt of Budapest. Since 1988, he and his 20 staff have concentrated on traditional shoemaking. Today, the exquisite quality of the shoes made by the firm of Vass has earned the workshop enormous respect throughout Europe.

Now I know how to make shoes! I haven't made a pair as the tools (like the proper industrial sewing machine) will take time to gather; it is still awesome to find a book on how to do something that almost no one knows how to do. The book actually teaches you how to make real shoes, not how to "up-cycle" 2 liter bottles into shoes using duct tape and rat skins or how to make a sad pair of moccasins with your cub scout troop, like the other shoe making books I have seen. This book is very in depth and holds your hand through all of it. It is rather daunting to see all that goes into making a real pair of shoes not to mention the time required. If you have the time and drive, and willingness to put up with some failures, this book can teach you a nearly lost art. If you want to follow through on what the book teaches, you will also be on a long quest to find all the proper tools or to fabricate make shift versions of the ones you cannot find. Now to find a book on how to make real hats.

Fantastic book on the lasted shoe making process. Learned a lot, both historically, and practical information. I can't make lasts though, and I don't know a last maker, thus, I'm not convinced I could make a custom shoe like this for someone. Shoe making is generally a lost art, and you need to find someone who can teach you for real, rather than try to learn it from a book. It won't work out so well I'll wager.

Wonderful book, great insight, and beautiful pictures. Explains the great craft and art in custom shoes and why the expense is not about garish luxury but valuable and reasonable investment in a beautiful art, an important aspect of your health, self image, and success not to mention a fair exchange for the craft and expertise involved in this increasingly rare and dying art form. Details shoe etiquette in mating the proper shoe style for the correct event and correct dress. After reading this book, owning custom shoes is a milestone that I look forward to one day soon reaching with the

confidence that it is one of the better and more valuable purchases that a man will make in his lifetime.

Great book, perhaps the best in the art of shoemaking. It is very difficult to get a contemporary reference in this field, most of the other books, are very old and difficult to follow. This book is not just a visual delight but it is full with information as well.

I have had this book in my wish list for a long time and finally decided it was time to get it. When i recieved the book i was not disappointed. This book is full of very useful information. Not only does it go into the details of the making of high quality leather shoes, but it goes into the history and stories of the process from a cobblers point of view. This book has such wonderful information in it that i wish i had gotten it sooner!

Highly detailed book on the true art of shoe making. Highly recommended for anyone who wants to better understand what goes into what goes on your feet. All the steps of quality Shoe making are present here.

Amazing book. I bought it just to see how these kinds of shoes are made but it was so much more than just that. It's perfect for that, but the additional info is so interesting that I think even someone with no intention whatsoever of learning to make shoes would enjoy the book for all the additional info. It's also a beautiful book.

Best book I've found on the actual process of putting together a proper shoe. I've loaned countless from the library and this is by far more extensive.

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