## QUILTED SNEAKERS WORKSHOP

Welcome! This workshop will be focused on making a pair of epic quilted sneakers from scratch! Swagger in style with tiny flying geese, crumb chaos, mini sawtooth stars, or your favorite hero print turned fashion statement! Please read all of the below instructions to set yourself up for success.

## Materials

Each student needs all listed materials except where sharing has been noted

- Fabric for exterior design
- Fat quarter of <u>fusible fleece</u> or low loft batting
- Fat quarter of quilting cotton for lining fabric
- Sneakerkit outsole and insole kit. Recommended retailers in the USA: <u>Chicago School of Shoemaking</u> or <u>Tandy Leather</u>. Kits can also be purchased from <u>Sneakerkit</u> directly.
- Sneakerkit <u>3 in 1 pattern</u>
- 3/16" (5mm) Eyelet Kit one set can be shared among two students
  - o <u>Eyelet Setter</u>
  - o <u>Eyelets</u>
- <u>Tooling or Scratching Awl</u> one awl can be shared among two students
- Steel Hammer and scrap wood one hammer can be shared among two students
- <u>Nylon Cord</u> in either weight this can be shared among many students
- Crewel Needle size 2 or other long, large eye embroidery needle (Example)
- Thimble
- <u>Silicone finger grips</u> optional, but very helpful
- Shoelaces <u>this is a handy chart</u> for deciding what length of lace to order. Laces can be ordered from anywhere; shop around, there's some cool options out there!
- Typical sewing notions:
  - Sewing machine
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Thread for top stitching that matches your patchwork
  - o Pins
  - $\circ$  Iron and pressing surface
  - o Rotary cutter and self-healing mat
  - o Quilting rulers
  - $\circ \quad \text{Fabric Scissors}$
  - $\circ \quad Marking \ pen$
  - o Fray Check

## Itinerary

The focus of day one is designing our shoe pattern and making our patchwork uppers. We will walk through design considerations, the best ways to showcase piecing, and how to precisely place our designs. Most of the day will be spent bringing our designs to life and quilting them to our fusible fleece or batting. The goal for the end of the day is to have our patchwork outers completed and quilted.

Day two is all about turning our quilted patchwork into our sneakers. The morning will be spent transforming our patchwork into our cloth uppers, and the afternoon will be spent learning how to lace our uppers to the soles. Most of the day will be spent away from our machines, but we will need them for a spot of sewing here and there.