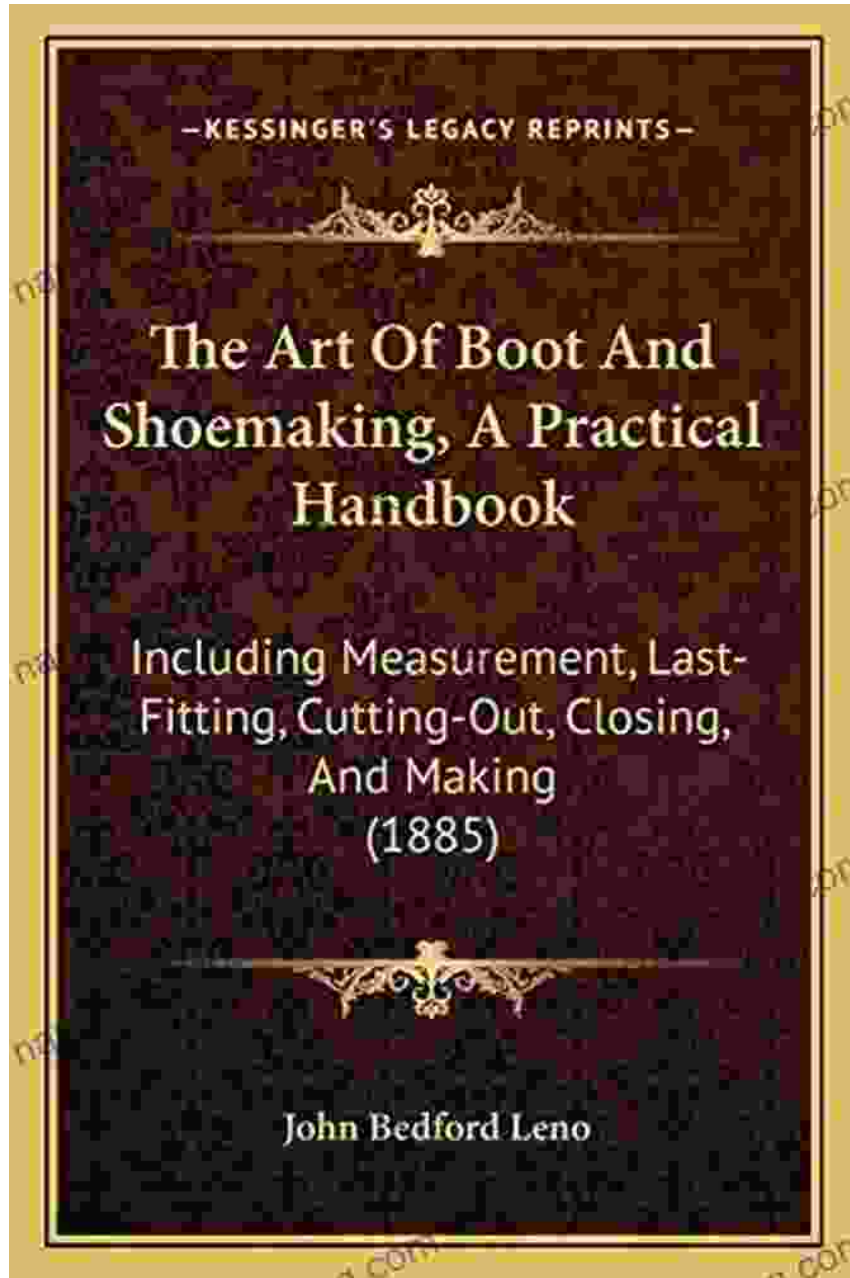


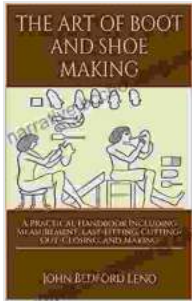
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Chapter 1: Measuring and Fitting

The first step in shoemaking is to measure and fit the foot. This is a critical step, as it will determine the size and shape of the shoe. To measure the foot, you will need a measuring tape and a piece of paper. Place the foot on the paper and trace around it. Then, measure the length and width of the

foot. You will also need to measure the circumference of the ball of the foot and the heel.

Once you have the measurements, you can use them to select a last. A last is a form that is used to shape the shoe. Lasts come in a variety of shapes and sizes, so it is important to choose one that is the right size and shape for your foot. If you are unsure about which last to choose, you can consult with a professional shoemaker.

Chapter 2: Lasts

Lasts are an essential part of shoemaking. They provide the shape and support for the shoe. There are many different types of lasts, each with its own unique purpose. Some lasts are designed for specific types of shoes, such as dress shoes or athletic shoes. Others are more general-purpose and can be used for a variety of different shoes.

When choosing a last, it is important to consider the size and shape of your foot. You should also consider the type of shoe that you want to make. If you are unsure about which last to choose, you can consult with a professional shoemaker.

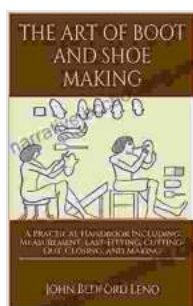
Chapter 3: Cutting Out

Once you have chosen a last, you can begin cutting out the leather. The leather should be cut to the shape of the last, with a small allowance for seams. When cutting out the leather, it is important to use a sharp knife and to cut along a straight line. If the leather is not cut carefully, it will not fit properly on the last.

Chapter 4: Closing

The final step in shoemaking is to close the shoe. This is done by sewing the upper and lower parts of the shoe together. The stitches should be small and even, and they should be placed close to the edge of the leather. When closing the shoe, it is important to use a strong thread and to pull the stitches tight. If the stitches are not tight enough, the shoe will not be durable.

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