

## Designing & Creating Heel Wedge Platform



Heel Wedges and Platforms can be made to fit any last, no matter how high the heel.

Wedges provide a very stable support system for the bottom of the shoe and eliminate the need for a shank.

Wedges can be made from many different materials such as leather, wood, cork, buildup crepe material, or sheets of crepe soling.

The material needs to be firm enough to support the weight and structure of the body.

The Top Side of the wedge needs to be molded to fit the contours of the bottom of the shoe last.

The Bottom Side of the Wedge can be flat or shaped.

The wedge can be left plain or wrapped with leather or fabric to go with the material on the upper part of the shoe.



Full Length Wedge Platform



Pattern for Sculpted Wedge Platform.

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1. Cut several pieces of the material that will be used for the wedge buildup. Attach one piece full length to the bottom of the last.



2. Cement the pieces together to buildup the layers to the desired height to match the pattern.



3. NOTE: Cut the pieces larger than the pattern. They will be sanded down to the final shape later.



4. The buildup is complete in the rough form, ready for sanding and finishing.



5. Sand the sides to match the pattern and the sides of the shoe last.  
Sand the bottom perfectly flat on a 4" wheel.



6. When finished, the top side of the wedge will be form fitting to the bottom of the last, and the bottom side of the wedge will be flat.