SHIRIKA KOHLI
LEATHER DESIGN STUDENT

ABOUT ME

Motivatedand outgoing individual with strong interpersonal skills and a curious mindset. I thrive in creative, collaborative environments and approach new experiences with enthusiasm and positivity.

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SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Clo 3D
- Rhino
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Indesign
- Adobe Photoshop
- MS Office
- Procreate
- Autodesk Sketchbook
- Shoemaster
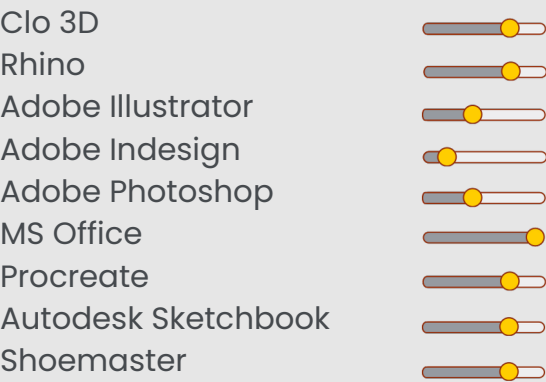
TECHNICAL SKILLS

Pattern Making and construction
Draping and styling
Material Handling
Concept visualization
Sketching and Rendering
Trend Research and marketing
3D modelling

LANGUAGE

English – Proficient
Hindi – Native tongue

INTERESTS

Face painting
Jacket painting
Product designing
Resin art and products

ACADEMICS

- **Bachelors in Leather Design** *2022 - 2026*
  National Institute of Fashion and technology ,Chennai
  SPECIALIZATION
  Minor - Accessory design
  Deepening specializtion - Handmade and Luxury Design

- **12thGrade - CBSEBoard** *2019 - 2020*
  Venkateshwar International School , New Delhi

- **10thGrade - CBSEBoard** *2017- 2018*
  Venkateshwar International School , New Delhi

EXPERIENCE

- **Summer Internship – Bharatiya International Limited, Chennai , Tamil Nadu (June 2025 - August 2025)**
  Worked on leather product development including design research, material selection, tech packs, and sampling support in a large-scale export manufacturing setup.

- **Craft Cluster Documentation – Navakuruchi, Tamil Nadu (June 2024 - 10days)**
  Visited and studied traditional bamboo craft as part of a DC Handicrafts & NIFT collaboration; documented local techniques, tools, and artisan practices for design research and cultural preservation.

- **Tannery training - Shalimar Tanning Company (June 2024 - 15days)**
  Undertook hands-on training to understand the complete leather processing cycle—from raw hide to finished leather —gaining technical knowledge of tanning, finishing, and quality control methods.

- **Freelance Artist & Creative Professional**
  - Served as a judge for a face painting competition at IIT Madras
  - Painted custom denim jackets on commission
  - Created digital artwork for Mandonna, a research organization

WORKSHOPS

- **Aari Embroidery**
Learned traditional hand-stitching techniques and their design applications.
- **Metal Etching**
Learned metal etching as part of printmaking; applied etched designs through embossing techniques on leather surfaces.

VOLUNTEER

- NIFT Spectrum
- Interdepartment Fest Indian International Leather Fair - Chennai Trade Centre

INDUSTRY VISITS

- Potissimus Arrow Shoes - Vellore (April 2025)
- Calsea Footwear - Vellore (April 2025)
- CDS Soles - Vaniyambadi (April 2025)
- Orion Commerx - Gurgaon (feburary 2025)
- KH Exports - Ranipet (April 2024)
- Sanghvi Sole Accessroies - Vellore (April 2024)
- Prara Leathers - Ranipet (October 2023)

REFERENCES

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