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(54) Title: ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR WITH INTEGRAL UPPER AND SOLE

(57) Abstract: An article of footwear with an integral upper and sole and a method of assembling the article of footwear are disclosed. The method includes folding the article of footwear from a flat configuration and attaching top and bottom lateral edges to form the article of footwear. A kit of parts containing an article of footwear with an integral upper and sole and a set of instructions is also disclosed.

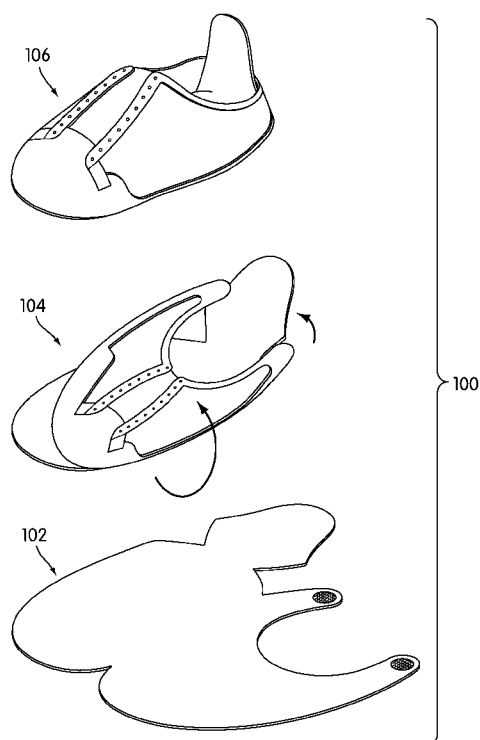


FIG. 1



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An article of footwear wherein the top lateral edge and the bottom lateral edge are attached to form it, wherein the top lateral edge and the bottom lateral edge comprise interlocking fasteners.

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2. claims: 1, 6, 8, 15, 16(completely); 7, 14, 17(partially)

An article of footwear wherein the top lateral edge and the bottom lateral edge are attached to form it, wherein the top lateral edge and the bottom lateral edge comprise alternating channels.

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3. claims: 1, 6, 8, 15(completely); 7, 14, 17(partially)

An article of footwear wherein the top lateral edge and the bottom lateral edge are attached to form it, wherein the top lateral edge and the bottom lateral edge comprise pre-configured holes.

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