

# NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our **Swap & Shop** at the beginning of October. More money that we thought possible was raised for **Neighbourlink Calgary**. We will now act as a collection point for any donations you may want to make—quilts, and other items. Check their web site for more details.

Don't forget **Fun Fridays**. Join us after 4pm on Fridays till about 9pm for an evening of sewing and visiting. Only \$10 for the evening. Staff will be on hand to help you with a project that you want to start or finish.

*Come, let us teach & inspire  
your creative side*

## Sewing:

**Adult Beginner Sewing:** This class is for those who haven't sewn before or who haven't sewn for a long time. You will make two projects (a tote bag and a pullover top) as you learn how to use your new or new to you sewing machine. We currently have a class running. Let us know if you are interested in our next class.

**Easy Sewing the Kwik-Sew Way:** We are excited about our new program. A 6-lesson session for any sewer. The goal is to use the Kwik-Sew pattern book and give students an increased confidence in sewing, while challenging and exploring creativity. Join at any time as we sew T-shirts, Blouses/Shirts/Jackets, pants and skirts.



1. Start with a basic **T-Shirt** and then make alterations to the pattern and learn how to add personal design elements. TBA
2. Sew a basic **Blouse** with collar and cuffs. Turn the shirt into a dress or coat and learn more about personal design changes and embellishments. Tues Oct. 21, 28, Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2; 6:30-9:30pm
3. **Pants and Skirts** are wardrobe basics. Make more than one and learn how to fit the crotch and prevent uneven skirt hems. Tues Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm

**Bra-Making 101:** Let Jane help you fit and sew a professionally made bra that fits you perfectly. On day 2, Learn how to add designer details to your second bra. The cost includes kits for both bras. You will be required to come Friday evening for a pre-class fitting. Sat & Sun, Nov 15 & 16; 9am-5pm \$220



**Cloning 101:** Do you have a favourite garment, that fits you like a dream? In this class, you will learn how to copy ready-to wear, without having to cut it apart to make the pattern pieces. This is both a demonstration and hands on class. With this technique, you will be able to successfully copy almost anything. \$30 Mon. Nov 17; 6:30-9:30pm

## 20 Designer Tips To Improve your Sewing

Whether you sew fashion garments or home décor, you'll learn tips and tricks that will transform your projects from "home-made" to "hand-fashioned". Easing issues? Puckered sleeves? Fitting questions? Interfacing challenges? You'll learn solutions to all of these and more. . \$15 Thurs. Oct. 16; 6:30-8pm

**Akasha Jacket Class** Stitch up a reversible jacket for fall. Select either the **Sachi Jacket** or **Prima Jacket** and coordinating fabrics. Learn how to make sure the jacket fits before you cut it out. Learn unique techniques to make the jacket reversible. Quilt it or not. \$80 including pattern. Thurs. Oct. 23 & 30; 6:30-9:30pm

**Creating Textures with Fabric** Just plain fun, any way you slice it! Explore a variety of ways to create surface textures and embellishments. Learn to make popcorn fabric, confetti fabric, sheer pleats and more! Take home a purse and a simple wrap or scarf. Kit required. \$75 Wed. Nov 26 & Dec. 3; 6:30-9:30pm

**Pant Fitting Workshop** You'll wear home the best fitting pants you've ever owned. Learn to fit, alter, and construct a pair of plain flat-front pants that fit YOUR body. You'll insert a zipper, attach a waistband, and sew darts. The certified Palmer-Pletsch instructor will help you. Pattern, supply kit and book required. \$250 Tues to Thurs, Nov. 4-6; 10am-4:30pm

Calgary's only source for the full line of  
**KWIK SEW** patterns

**Fit Happens HelpLine** Time for the experienced seamstress that needs some additional help with fitting and alterations. Individualized attention and fitting in a class environment. Bring your fitting tools, cardboard cutting mat and tissue, your pattern and the undergarments you plan to wear with the finished outfit. No sewing....fitting only.

- Wed, Nov 12 6:30-9:30pm \$40
- Wed. Dec 10; 6:30-9:30pm \$40

### **Bust Out of those Fashion Faux Pas!**

**Fact:** Most women wear the wrong size bra. **Fact:** All commercial patterns are based on a B cup. **Fact:** You can have a blouse that fits your bust properly, even if you're more or less than a B cup. If you suffer from button gaposis, or princess droop, this seminar is for you! Learn techniques and tips to make a variety of bust alterations on a variety of garment styles. Bring your notepad, pencil and coffee mug. \$25 Wed Nov. 19; 6:30-8pm

### **Serger**

**Beginner Serger:** A class for those who know very little about their sergers. Paced so that you learn to use a serger properly and with confidence, the instructor will teach you many time saving tips and tricks to enable you to get the most out of your serger. You will make 3 practical projects to show off your new skills as well making samples for a sample book. \$100 Sat. Oct. 18, 25, Nov 1; 2-5pm

**Serger Sweatshirt/T-shirt:** Learn some super, time saving techniques in this quick and easy class. Students will learn how to cut and serge a T-shirt or Sweatshirt completely on the serger. \$30 Sat. Nov 22; 2-5pm

**Cover Hem Sergers:** A class set aside for those who have machines that do the cover hem. Learn how to thread your machine, start and stop stitching and make a simple project to show off your work. \$30 Sat Nov 8; 2-5pm

### **Fun:**

**Artsy Bohemian Bag:** The classes will encourage and teach you to unleash your creative side. With your fabric and embellishing kit you can create a usable work of art. Hermina will show you how to create this super bag. Embellishing kit included. \$70 Wed. Oct 22 & 29; 6:30-9:30pm

### **Quilting:**

**Quilter's Primer:** This beginner quilting class is a 6-block sampler where students will learn to use rotary cutting tools, sew with accurate seams, measure and add sashing and binding and learn to machine quilt and add binding. Once you have this quilt done, you will be able to sew up almost any quilt you want. \$160 Mon Oct 20, 27, Nov. 10, 17, 24; 6:30-9:30pm

**Needleworks Class Registration Policies:** see our web site. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

## **Free Motion Quilting so much more than Stippling!**

Learn some great tips and tricks as you practice sewing free motion and stitching the perfect patterns on your quilts. At Needleworks, we offer great introductory and intermediate classes to give you lots of practice with Free Motion Quilting. Join a scheduled class or find some friends and set your own dates.

**Free Motion Quilting-Beginner:** This class will have you creating beautiful quilting stitches in no time. Use a practice quilt to learn and master some beautiful fill stitches for your next quilt. Students will also learn how to use templates and explore stitching on the line. \$60 Thurs. Oct 23 & 30; 12:30-3:30pm

**Free Motion Quilting-Feathers:** Learn how to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers in this great no-mark technique. \$30 Thurs. Nov 13; 6:30-9:30pm

**Whole Cloth Quilt:** Take your free motion quilting to the next level. Create a wall hanging size quilt completely machine quilted using a variety of fill stitches, templates and feathers. This is a great way to show off your newly learned skills while making a beautiful work of art! \$65 Wed, Oct. 22 & 29; 12:30-3:30pm

**Home Decorating:** We are adding new classes for those who want to decorate their homes. Learn to sew Roman Shades, Pillows, Lined Curtain Panels and Bed Furnishings!!!!!! Our classes will start in the new year. Let us know what you are interested in and we'll do work to schedule those with greatest interest first!

## ***KidSew<sup>®</sup> Program***

**Our goal at Needleworks is to teach your child to sew with confidence and inspire their creativity.**

We are excited to offer a sewing certificate for our school age sewers. Children can work towards sewing certificates in a variety of different projects. Contact the store for more details.

**Classes are offered** during the day and after school on weekdays and on Saturdays.

**Pre-Christmas Sew Days:** During any of the above listed times from December 6-23, we will have single class registration. Work on a Christmas project or gift. We have lots of ideas. \$20 per session.

**Christmas Sew Camps:** Sew a Magic-Bog Coat. December 29-31; 10am-noon, 1-3pm \$60.