

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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Christmas will be here before we know it! We have some plans to help you with your shopping and gift giving. Come visit and check with the staff to see what ideas we have come up with to make the next few weeks easier for you.

For those who need some help, we have *gift certificates* available and are starting a gift wish list for customers. Call or email the store with your name and list of items that family and friends can pick up for you. We'll add these to your customer information on our computer.



Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side

We offer a variety of classes for the beginner and experienced sewer. Check out the full listing on our web page. If you see a class that sounds interesting, but your schedule doesn't work with ours, let us know.

Adult Open Sewing:

We have set aside some time for you to come and sew. Need time away from prying eyes or just some time to sit and sew? We'll be here to help you with all your sewing projects. Bring your project and sew! The classroom is open for sewing, serging and quilting projects. Thurs Nov. 26, Dec 3, 10 or 17; 12:30-3:30pm, Dec 8 or 15; 6:30-9:30pm \$30 per session

Sewing:

Adult Beginner Sewing I: 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 pin cushion to get you started and a bathrobe) as you learn how to use your new or new to you sewing machine. \$100 Mon Nov. 16, 23, 30; 6:30-9:30pm

Adult Beginner Sewing II: In this class, students will build on the skills they learned in Beginner I. Learn about bust alterations, facings, under stitching—techniques you will use over and over again. Mon Jan 11, 18, 25; 6:30-9:30pm

Bra-Making 101: Let Jane help you fit and sew a professionally made bra that fits perfectly. On day 2, learn how to add designer details to your second bra. The cost includes kits for both bras. Sat & Sun, Jan 13 & 14; 9am-4pm \$220

Bra-Making Workday: Made a bra with Jane? Want to make more or fine tune a fit? Come and work! \$50 Date TBA: 9am-4pm

Serger:

Beginner Serger: This class is for those who know very little about their sergers. Paced so that you can learn to use your 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 three practical projects to show off your new skills as well making samples for a sample book. \$120 TBA

Serger Quilt: Create a lap size quilt completely on your serger. No experience required. We'll teach you how to cut, serge and finish this great serger project. Tues Nov 17 & 24; 6:30-9:30pm \$60

Fun:

Shelby Bag: This great shoulder bag is the perfect size to hold keys, wallet, phone and a few extras without being too big. It sews up quickly and has lots of opportunity for making it more than special. A practical project that uses only 2 half-meter cuts of fabric. Thurs Nov. 19 & Dec. 3: 6:30-9:30pm \$60

Set the Table: take some time to make up some quick and easy projects to give as hostess gifts or use yourself. The kit includes 3 Fat Quarts of fabric to make wine glass coaster, mini pot holders, crazy patch trivets. Fri Nov 24; 1-4pm

Emma Bag: here is another bag that is perfect to sew up for a special someone. 2 half-meter cuts and 4 handy pockets makes this bag the perfect project for gift giving. Fri Dec 4; 1-4p, \$30

Fleece for the Family: Sew a variety of fleece items for everyone in the family. See what you can get out of 1 meter of fabric! Mitts, hats, scarves, vests. Learn some quick and easy tricks for sewing with this great fabric. Mon Dec 7; 6:30-9:30pm \$30

Thread Work: Use your sewing machine and thread to make a variety of jewelry items...earrings, necklaces, scarves. Learn how easy it is to use just your sewing machine and thread. Sat Nov 28; 2-5pm

The Colour Wheel and Beyond An introduction to colour will provide a basic foundation in understanding the colour wheel, hue, value, intensity and colour harmonies and their application to fabric and fabric selection. \$70 includes supplies for the first class. New Dates: TBA



Open 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday
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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. \$170 includes instruction book. 2010 dates TBA.

Table Graces Placemat: Make an early start on holiday gift giving and decorating. These easy placemats can be made in no time at all. \$40 (pattern included) New Date TBA; 6:30-9:30pm.



We are pleased to have **Wayne Kollinger** from **TUXEDO PARK DESIGNS** to come and teach a few classes. Wayne is currently working on a book on his great piecing techniques all based on a 9-Patch block. We also have his patterns for sale in the store. If you haven't seen his incredible work.....this is a great time to see what can be done with 9-patch blocks.

Alberta Series Trunk Show: Come and see what you can make using a variation of a 9-patch block. He'll show us the great variety of blocks that can be made. Thurs Jan 7; 7-9pm

Alberta Series: Learn how to sew any quilt from any of the 14 Alberta Series patterns. Students will also be encouraged to do some experimenting and make changes to the pattern. Thurs Jan 14 & 21; 6:30-9:30pm

Introduction to Pieced Lettering: Students will gain an appreciation for good pieced lettering. They will learn everything they need to know to sew 3 simple alphabets. Thurs Jan 28; 6:30-9:30pm

Sewing Tuxedo Park Pieced Alphabet students will learn how to stitch the Tuxedo Park alphabet as well as understand spacing and sewing accurately. Thurs Feb 4; 6:30-9:30pm

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. 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: Did you know there are 5 basic shapes that make up all quilting patterns? Learn, practice and play with them. This class will also cover how to "stitch on the line" and explore ways to mark your quilt. \$65 Mon Nov 16 & 23; 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 Tues Dec 1; 6:30-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting—whole cloth: Practice your skills by filling in areas on a whole cloth quilt. Pay special attention to the size of the patterns as well as learning how to plan for a variety of continuous quilting designs. Previous FMQ experience encouraged \$50 Fri, Nov 27 & Dec 4; 6:30-9:00pm

Home Decorating: We are excited about our new classes for those who want to decorate their homes. Here's what we have lined up so far. Let us know what else you want to do to make your home special.

Pillow Pandemonium Pillows are one of the simplest and most inexpensive ways to update and bring color into your room. Learn the techniques for making a pillow with everything from tips on zippers, closures, cording and embellishments. As a bonus, learn how to make your own piping. You will be inspired by the many different variations possible to create your own one of a kind pillow. Bring your sewing machine as we will be constructing one in class. \$60. (\$25 kit) Sat March 6; 10am-3:30pm

Your Calgary source for
KiwkSew Patterns

Lined Drapery Panels/Valance Learn one of the most versatile yet simple window treatments available. Our lined panels can be made into a long drape or a short valance. This window treatment can be easily adjusted for different sized windows and can be mounted with clips and rings. Also included in this course are how to choose the right lining, along with the many variations possible with this treatment. We will be constructing a sample in class so bring your machines and lets start creating. \$60 (\$25 kit) Sat Jan 23; 10am-3:30pm

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

KidSew[®] Program

We are excited about our sewing program at Needleworks. We offer a variety of classes for children who want to learn to sew and quilt. We are pleased 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.

We have a separate brochure that outlines our KidSew program. You can also access it on the web page.

Classes are offered*

- Monday: 4-6pm
- Tuesday: 4-6pm
- Wednesday: 10am-12 noon, 1-3pm, 4-6pm
- Thursday: 10am- 12 noon, 1-3pm, 4-6pm
- Saturday: 9-11, 11am-1pm

Pre-Christmas Sew Days: During any of the above listed times from December 1-23, we will have single class registration. Work on a Christmas project or gift. We have lots of ideas. \$20 per session.

Christmas Sew Camps: Mon-Wed, Dec 28-30; 10am-noon, 1-3pm. Hand Dyed Embellished Pillow/Wallhanging.

We've set dates for the New Year!

*we are considering adding late afternoon classes 5-7 or 6-8pm