

NeedleNews

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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.

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 Tues, Jan 12, 19, 26; 12:30-3:30pm or 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. \$90 Tues Feb. 2, 9, 16; 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 as making samples for a sample book. \$120 TBA

Fun:

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.

Quilting:

We are pleased to have **Wayne Kollinger** from **TUXEDO PARK DESIGNS** come and teach a few classes. 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

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 book. Mon Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8; 6:30-9:30pm

Table Graces Placemat: Make a VERY early start on holiday gift giving and decorating. These easy placemats can be made in no time at all. \$40 (includes pattern) Fri Jan. 22; 6:30-9:30pm.

Curved Piecing: Learn to make curved, three-dimensional quilt blocks without ever sewing a curved seam! This technique produces wallhangings and even full sized bed quilts! Tuesday January 12, 19, 26; 6:30-9:30pm

Pieced Appliqué Do inset seams, curved seams, Y-seams and odd shaped blocks scare you? There is an easier way - and if you want the beauty of intricacy with the ease of piecing then this class is for you. Fri, Jan 29; 5pm-9pm \$40 (20% off fabric kits)

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday
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Gordian Knot In History the "Gordian Knot" is linked to Alexander the Great and symbolizes an unsolvable problem. When you look at this quilt you do not see an end or beginning - but yours is solvable!! \$40 Sat, Jan 30; 1:30-5:30pm

Photo Transfer: Have you always wanted to try photo transfer but were to scared to take the first step? Attend this lecture/demo class and learn about the photo transfer process This class will have your head buzzing with ideas and ready to start your project as soon as you get home! Fri. Feb 2; 6-9pm

Easter Silhouettes: These stunning silhouettes of Easter each tell the reason we come together to celebrate. Pattern included \$80 Sat, Feb 13; 9:30am-4:30pm

Quilt in Sections: Machine quilting in sections is for you if you have lots of quilt tops at home but no quilts? Learn to break your quilt into sections for easy sewing, handling and quilting. \$35 Sat, March 13; 1:30pm-5pm

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 was to mark you quilt. \$65 New Date TBA
- **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.

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

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 is information on 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 let's start creating. \$60 (\$25 kit) Sat Jan 16; 10am-3:30pm

More to Come...check the web site for full details.

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KiwkSew Patterns

**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, *New Time*: 5-7pm
- Thursday: 10am- 12 noon, 1-3pm, 4-6pm
- Saturday: 9-11, 11am-1pm

Spring Sew Camp: Project & price to be confirmed: Tuesday-Thursday April 6-8; 10am-12noon, or 1-3pm