

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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Lots of new things in the store. Did you know....

- We now sell a selection of sewing machine feet and bobbins? Let us know what you need and we'll make sure we get them in.
- We recently received 45 bolts of batiks?
- We are Calgary's only source for **KWIK SEW** patterns? We will mail them to you
- We carry Burda and Burda Plus magazines. You can add your name to the list for notification when the new issues come in.
- We have a **Preferred Customer Discount Card**. Spend \$100 each month and get a 15% discount the following month. Full details at the store or on the web site.

Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side

We have lots of new classes and events planned for the coming months. Check the web site for full details. We update the web site on a regular basis as we finalize plans for our various activities.

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. \$120 Mon. April 6, 13, 20, May 4; 6:30-9:30pm.

Adult Open Sew: We have had requests for some time to come and sew and get help on a variety of projects. Join us for a few weeks and get some sewing done, while you learn new techniques and handy tips. All levels and all projects welcome. Register early. Class size is limited to 6. Monday, March 2, 9, 16 & 23; 6:30-9:30pm

Easy Sewing the Kwik-Sew Way: An exciting way to sew. A 6-lesson session for any sewer. The goal is to use the KwikSew 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. \$180

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. Tues April 7, 14, 21, 29, May 12, 19, ; 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. Next class TBA

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, March 28 & 29; 9am-5pm \$220

Jacket Junkies Come and work on a jacket while you learn some great techniques. Remake the same pattern over and over, exploring different fabrics and creative approaches or use a different pattern each time and sew in the company of other jacket junkies. You can never have too many jackets in your wardrobe. \$40 each All times: 6:30-9:30pm. April 16, May 21, June 18

Pant Fitting Workshop: You'll wear home the best fitting pants you've ever owned. The certified Palmer-Pletsch instructor will help you as you learn how 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. \$250 Fri-Sun, April 17-19

Fun:

Machine Appliqué from A-Z Learn appliqué techniques and how to do them on a variety of fabrics. Appliqué is not just for quilting, it can be used in so many ways. \$70 (includes kit) Wed. Feb 25 & March 11; 6:30-9:30pm

More Creative Textures on Fabric The first one was so much fun that the students asked for another round. You'll learn 2 more techniques, take home a couple quick projects and most importantly, your creative juices will be flowing. Come be inspired to try something new and then incorporate it into your next garment or home dec. project. \$40. Thurs. March 5; 6:30-9:30pm

Even More Creative Textures on Fabric: And one more time! Discover your inner creative self as you learn another 2 techniques and make some more quick projects. Who knew that fabric can be embellished and manipulated in so many ways? \$40 Thurs. June 25, 6:30-9:30pm

Folklore Embroidery by Machine: Learn how to create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork with the built-in stitches on your sewing machine. Learn how to adjust the machine to get the effects you want. \$100 (incl fabric & thread) Fri, April 3; 10am-4pm

Serger

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 Mon. March 30; 6:30-9:30pm

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday
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Serger Sweatshirt: Learn some super, time saving techniques in this quick and easy class. Students will learn how to cut and serge a Sweatshirt completely on the serger. \$30 Sat, April 25; 2-5pm

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 & bring color into your room. Learn the techniques for making a pillow with tips on zippers, closures, cording and embellishments. Bonus: learn how to make your own piping. Be inspired by the many variations possible to create your own one of a kind pillow. \$60. **New Dates:** Fri. March 27; 10am-3:30pm

Lined Drapery Panels/Valance Learn one of the most versatile & simple window treatments available. 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. TBA

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 (incl book) Thurs. March 5, 12, 19, April 2, 9; 9:30am-12:30pm

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Curved Piecing: Learn to make curved, three-dimensional quilt blocks without ever sewing a curved seam! This technique produces 3-dimensional blocks without bulk and is ideal for table runners, wall hangings and even full sized quilts! \$65 (incl pattern) Wed March 25, April 8; 6:30-9:30pm

Paper Piecing: Paper or foundation piecing is really quite easy. In this class, students will begin working on Autumn Leaves, Woven Geese or a pattern of their choice. \$40 Wed March 4; 12:30-3:30pm

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: We'll 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 master marking the quilt. \$65 Sat. March 14 & 21; 2-5pm

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 TBA

Stash Buster Events Join us on the last Friday of the month for a time of **stash-busting**. Each month we'll have a quilt project. You'll be given a list of supplies to bring from your stash. We'll grow our stash selection by sharing with one another. The 4-6 pieces of fabric we each bring can easily grow to 12-24 different fabrics for greater variety. Full details are on the web site. \$30. 6:30-9:30pm. March 27, April 24, May 29 and June 26.

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.

Say It Beautifully...learn to piece letters of any size. Wayne assures me that you don't need any special abilities to be able to stitch any alphabet once you learn his tricks and tips. Fri. March 20; 10am-4pm \$60

Alberta Series Trunk Show: Come and see what you can make using a variation of a 9-patch block. Wayne will have his quilt collection back from being photographed for his new book. He'll show us the great variety of blocks that can be made. \$15 Thursday, May 7; 7pm

Alberta Series: Wayne will show you how to piece his variations on 9-patch blocks. Start working on a fantastic quilt.\$60 Friday, May 29; 10am - 4pm

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.

Classes are offered

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

Watch for details of our spring camps