

# NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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## Did you know?....

- We are going to the Calgary Education Fair on Saturday, May 30 at Thornhill Greenview Community Center. Come see us there! This is a great opportunity to connect for homeschoolers.



Calgary Education Fair  
www.calgaryeducationfair.ca

- We have set the dates for our KidSew Summer Camps. They are filling up fast. Register early.
- We have tables in our classroom that are perfect for layering a quilt or cutting out that large project. We even have blocks to raise the tables to a more comfortable height. Call the store for time availability.
- We carry soy, cotton, wool and polyester quilt battings and wide quilt backings.
- 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

I was recently at a sewing/quilting retreat. A whole week to sew and eat (with a tiny bit of sleeping), it was wonderful! I was able to spread out and sew a variety of items for a new wardrobe as well as get some quilt tops to the next stage of completion. I even sewed my first pair of jeans since High School!

I go to "camp" with a group of friends twice a year. We spent time chatting and helping each other with various projects.

I had so much fun, I thought that we could schedule some summer sew/quilt retreats. Join us on Wednesdays (anytime from 3:30-9pm) for a time of creating. We start on June 10. Only \$10. We'll make sure we have some munchies available. Staff will be available to help if you need any guidance. All we ask is that you let us know you are planning on coming, so we have enough table space for you.

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.

As the summer approaches, we often tend to reduce the number of adult classes we offer. This is the perfect time to "customize" a class for you and your friends. Call the store. Let us know what you are interested in and we'll "talk". We've listed some *suggested* classes. If you are interested in these, give the store a call and let us know.

## Sewing:

**Adult Open Sew:** Here's some time to come and sew and get help on a variety of projects. Bring a project and we'll show you how to make it. 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. \$120 Mon, May 25, June 1, 8, 15;

**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.

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. TBA
3. **Pants and Skirts** are wardrobe basics. Make more than one and learn how to fit the crotch and prevent uneven skirt hems. \$150 Tues June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 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, June 20 & 21; 9am-5pm \$220

**Bra Making Workday:** If you have taken a bra making class at Needleworks and want to continue working or start a new bra, come for a great day of sewing. Jane will give you lots of hints and tips. Sat June 27; 9am-5pm

**Jeans:** Sewing a pair of jeans is quite easy with the KwikSew pattern. The instructions are clear and the pattern fits well. Some pre-class work will be required. Sat July 25; 9am-4pm \$65

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**Gore Skirt:** *A summer must have at any length. Learn how to draft and sew a simple 6-8 gore skirt with elastic waistband and invisible zipper. Tues & Thurs July 21 & 23; 5:30-8:30pm \$60*

### Fun:

**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

**Shelby Bag:** *A bag with loads of potential. Lots of areas for embellishment and creativity. You'll want to stitch up one for every outfit and occasion. Tues Aug 11; 5:30-8:30pm \$30 pattern included*

### Quilting:

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. We have had to reschedule Wayne's classes because his quilts aren't back from the publisher yet. They WILL be here in time for these new dates!

**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. \$15 Friday, June 5; 7pm

**Alberta Series:** Wayne will show you how to piece his variations on 9-patch blocks. Start working on a fantastic quilt. \$60 Friday, June 26; 10am - 4pm

**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. Friday, June 12; 10am-4pm \$60

**Stash Buster Events** Join us each month for a time of **stash-busting**. You'll be given a list of supplies to bring from your stash. Grow your stash selection by sharing with one another as you make a lovely quilt top. Full details are on the web site. \$30. 6:30-9:30pm. May 29 & June 26. See the web site for student show and tell.

**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—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, May 22; 10am-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 Wed, June 3; 6:30-9:30pm

**Quillow:** *They were all the rage a few years ago. Combine simple quilting and fleece to make a great blanket/quilt in a pillow. TBA*

**Hollow Cubes:** *Create optical illusions in fabric the easy way. Simple cutting & sewing techniques will have this quilt done in no time. Tues July 28 & August 18; 5:30-8:30pm \$60*

### Serger

**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 Thurs June 11; 6:30-9:30pm

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

## ***KidSew<sup>®</sup> 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

## ***KIDSEW SUMMER CAMPS***

A summer full of "open sew camps". The children can register for a weeklong camp and sew whatever they want (with instructor approval). We'll give lots of ideas.....but no planned projects. We hope the children will sew something to model at a fashion show at Creative Stitches in the fall. The web site has more details. 10am-noon or 1-3pm \$100 plus supplies

**Camp Dates:** July 20-24, July 27-31, August 4-7, August 10-14, August 17-21.