

NeedleNews

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Summer is officially here! Stampede has started and we have hot sunshine! Time to rest, take a break and re-create.

I sewed yesterday. I have been playing with the concept of "art quilts". I find it very difficult to get started....I am not an artist, but once I do start, things get flowing. I made a small flower garden wall hanging and even had to dig out some beads to sew on to it! I think my summer plans are to try something new each week.....make fabric from plastic bags, try a new knitting pattern for my next pair of socks, make fabric jewelry, more art quilts.....

Why don't you try something new this summer, take a class or just come and sew on our Wednesday Sew Nights.

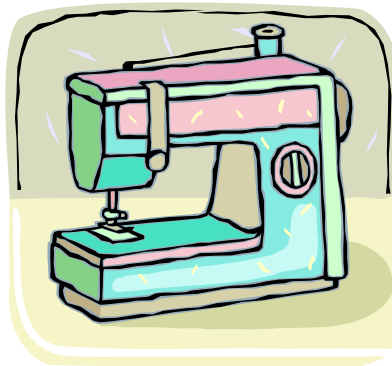
Things to know.....

- Join us at our Wednesday evening "mini sew retreats" during July & August. Come anytime from 3:30-9pm for a time of creating and fun. Only \$10. We'll make sure we have some munchies on hand. 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.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday
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- **The Doctor is In.** Time for your annual check up! Give your machine (sewing machine or serger) a summer break....get it tuned up and ready for back to school/fall sewing. Bring your machine to Needleworks by July 16 and get \$10 off servicing. Machines will be ready for pick up on Monday, July 20. Jerry from GPO Machine Repair has an excellent reputation and does super work!



- There are still spaces available for our **KidSew Summer Camps**. Check with the staff for available spaces. We have been confirmed for a Fashion Show at Creative Stitches in September and hope that some of our summer sewers will plan to participate.
- We are now taking registration for our **KidSew Fall Sewing Classes**. See the website or the reverse page for more information. Register early.
- We can customize any class for you and your friends. During the summer months, we often tend to reduce the number of adult classes we offer and our classroom is more available. Let us know what you are interested in and we'll "talk".
We had a class recently for a group of friends to try hand dying fabric. They had a blast and will be back for more!

Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side

We have lots of classes and activities planned for everyone at Needleworks.

- **KidSew Camps:** We are offering weeklong camps. 2 hours each day and the children can work on a project of their choice. Register soon so that we can all be assured of a class not being cancelled due to insufficient registration. Just remember that the children need to come prepared with their project for the first day....we don't want to waste valuable sewing time because fabric hasn't been washed!
- **Machine Appliqué:** Learn how easy and satisfying it is to stitch appliqué by machine. Carol will show you some great tips and techniques as you work on a small wall hanging pattern. Remember that appliqué is not just for quilts. She'll show you how you can use appliqué in a variety of ways. Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 16; 5:30-8:30pm. \$65 includes pattern.
- **Beginner Sampler Bag:** In response to requests, we have created a bag project to teach you how to use your machine. This is a great project for any sewer, whether you are new to sewing or have a new machine. Explore the stitches and features on your sewing machine while you make a little bag with a zippered closing and a buttoned pocket. All supplies included \$85
 - Monday July 20 and 27; 5:30-8:30pm.
 - Monday, August 17 and Thursday August 20; 5:30-8:30pm

- **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. Tuesday July 21 and Thursday July 23; 5:30-8:30pm \$60
- **Jeans:** Sewing a pair of jeans is quite easy with the KwikSew pattern. The instructions are clear and the pattern fits well. Students should be able to wear their jeans home! Some pre-class work will be required. Friday, July 24; 5-8pm and Saturday, July 25; 9am-4pm \$90
- **Hollow Cubes:** Create optical illusions in fabric the easy way. Simple cutting and sewing techniques will have this quilt done in no time. Tuesday, July 28 and August 18; 5:30-8:30pm \$60
- **Shelby Bag:** Another bag to sew this summer. The creative opportunities are endless!!! You'll want to stitch up one for every outfit and occasion. Tuesday, August 11; 5:30-8:30pm

The recent **bra making** class was a great success! A very uplifting experience!!!! Jane and I are planning for the next class. Let us know if you are interested and we'll contact you when we have dates set. Jane also teaches a Panties class as well as Cloning (making your own patterns from finished garments).

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

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. \$100 plus supplies

Camp Dates:

- July 20-24; 10am-noon
- July 27-31; 10am-noon (full), 1-3pm
- August 4-7; 10am-noon, 1-3pm
- August 10-14; 10am-noon (full), 1-3pm
- August 17-21; 10am-noon, 1-3pm, 3-5pm (**new time**)



KidSew[®] Program (School Year)

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

* daytime classes scheduled for homeschooling children



Get a free pattern.

All clearance Kwik Sew and MacPhee Workshop patterns are free for the asking while quantities last. Limit one per visit.