

NeedleNews

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Our **First Anniversary Celebration** is fast approaching! It is hard to believe that we have been open for a year! We have lots of fun planned for the week of November 6-11. We'll stay open to 7pm each evening during the week, (Monday-Friday)

- Each day we'll have a daily special. **15% off** your purchase. Visit us to find out the daily special.
- Enter to win some great draw prizes. One entry per visit during the week. Come back on Saturday to enter for a 2nd draw.
- Anyone who has sewn anything as a result of Needleworks (either a class project, or from supplies purchased at Needleworks) is asked to bring it in so we can put it on display. We know that your work will be more exciting and motivating than ours. Enter to win a lovely sewing box filled with some great supplies. Please bring your display items in by Saturday, November 4.

Inform: Fusible Interfacing can be a challenge. Cut a piece of fabric larger than the pattern piece. Cut a similar sized piece of interfacing and use lots of steam to fuse the two layers together. Wrinkles and puckers will be a thing of the past. A more detailed article has been posted it on the web page.

Excite: We are over the roof with excitement about our kids classes! We have kids in the store on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday and Saturday mornings. We may have to plan for Saturday afternoons as well. The best thing about the kids classes is their excitement. They burst into the store full of noise and energy. They chatter almost constantly and have a great time sewing. We already have some who are helping their neighbours with simple tricks and tips.

I am hoping that most of the children will bring something in that we can put on display during our anniversary celebrations. They have done some super work and I want them to show off their incredible skills!

Educate: Our Classes are listed in the following categories to help you find them easier. Classes are designed for individual instruction so that anyone should be able to take almost any class we offer. A full listing of all classes in our schedule can be found on our web page. www.needleworks.org

- **Sewing:** classes for beginners and more advanced sewers wanting to make clothes for themselves and their family.
- **Fun:** classes for projects other than clothing.
- **Serging:** classes to teach and encourage you to make the most of your serger.
- **Quilting:** all levels and types of quilting classes
- **Kids:** sewing and quilting classes designed for children 7-14 years old. Older children are encouraged to participate in the adult classes.

Come let us teach and inspire your creative side.

Sewing:

Open Classroom: We now have a second classroom open. So you can come in any time and rent table space to work on your own projects. Only \$5 per hour. Come in and get some help or instruction from our staff for only \$10 per hour. Please call ahead for either so that we can make sure there is table space available for you.

Adult Learn to Sew: This beginner class is for those who haven't sewn before or who haven't sewn for a long time. This is also a great time to learn how to use your new or new to you sewing machine. Students will make two projects: a tote bag and a pullover top. \$85 Thurs. November 2, 9, 23 & 30; 6-9pm.

Fleece: Chose any fleece jacket pattern and learn how to sew stable seams, use interfacing and put in flat zippers. \$45 Tues Dec 5 & 12; 6-9pm

Shirt: Chose a shirt pattern and fabric and we'll help you to fit the pattern and sew the shirt. This class will focus on collars, cuffs and buttonholes. \$85 Wed. Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13; 9am-12noon

Pants: Draft your own pant pattern. This class will teach you how to measure accurately and draft for a well fitting pair of pants. Students should get a good start on a pair of pants. \$85 Wed Nov. 22, 29, Dec 6, 13; 1-4pm

Bra-Making: Christy will join us from Edmonton to teach two classes on Bra Making. Check out her web site for full details. www.freespiritbras.ca.

- Beginner, December 2; 10:30am-5:30pm
- Beyond the basic December 3; 10:30am-5:30pm

Fitting for the plus size sewer is not that challenging or frustrating once you know how. **Hermina** will give you lots of good tips and ideas for sewing and dressing plus size. Some of the classes Hermina teaches on a regular basis are listed below. Contact us for dates and times.

- **Sew Plus:** Plus sized sewers have some specific fitting issues. Spend some time with us and work on a project of your choice. Hermina will be in the classroom to guide you as you fit a pattern and sew a garment to fit you, \$10/hour, \$25 for 3 hours. Wednesday, November 8; anytime between 10am & 4pm and 6-9pm.
- **Plus Pants:** Ever have your pants too short in the back with all that extra in the front, or too wide in the leg & not enough hip room? We'll show you how to make a basic pant to fit your body shape. \$65. Tues. Nov. 7, 14, 21; 6-9pm
- **Plus Shirt:** It's a basic white shirt with a twist. Come & embellish your basic shirt with beautiful Battenberg lace & make it WOW!
- **Plus Dress:** Dresses are hard to fit & find, so come adjust a basic dress pattern that will give you that good fit.
- **Plus Fleece:** With those cool fall days fast approaching sew a toasty fleece top to keep you warm. Fast & easy & made to fit you right.
- **Plus Jean Jacket:** You thought Jean Jackets were only for stampede? Come join us and make a jean jacket out of fancy fabrics and embellishments. You can wear your great jacket for all the upcoming festive occasions.

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Fun

Photo Transfer: Margaret from Jo-Als Styles in Linden will come and show us how to use photos and create beautiful works of art on fabric.

- **Photo Transfer Intro:** a demonstration and lecture with lots of samples. \$20 Mon Nov. 20; 3-5pm or 6-8pm
- **Photo Transfer Workshop:** Margaret will help students use a computer, scanner and printer to print great designs onto fabric. \$60 Tues Nov. 28; 10am-3pm

Gift Bags: A simple, environmentally friendly gift giving idea. This class will teach you how to draft your own pattern to make bags for any size gift. \$25 Sat Nov. 25; 1-4pm

Quilting:

SOS for Quilters: Quilters often pick up a pattern and once they have a look at it, put it away because they don't understand the instructions or don't know how to use the technique. Use this time to learn a few new techniques, read the pattern, understand the instructions and get a good start on the project. Please pre-register so that we can book table space for you. We'll end the year with general help & in the new year, we'll schedule times for specific areas. Only \$10 per hour...\$25 for 3 hours. Wed Nov. 15; 10am-4pm, 6-9pm

- **Appliqué:** There are so many different methods of stitching appliqué quilts. Some of them are very straight forward, some are more involved. Let us help you decide which method is best for you.
- **Finishing:** Borders and binding can often be a big struggle. Let us help you how to get those borders completely flat. There are some really easy methods for perfectly metered binding corners.
- **Triangles:** So many tools and helps, but we still struggle with making triangles. We'll help you to cut and sew triangles for perfect matching in the corners.

Hours of Operation
Mon & Tues: 1-6pm
Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm

Quilter's Primer: This class is a primer for all who want to learn to make quilts. Start at the very beginning and make a 6 block sampler quilt. This class will give you a great start for lots of fabulous quilts. \$120 includes book) Mon Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4; 6:30-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting: Learn how easy it is to achieve perfect tension and stitch length while creating some beautiful fill stitches for your next quilt. Students will also learn how to use templates and transfer the patterns to the quilt top. \$45 Thurs Nov. 23 & 30; 2-5pm

Dresden Delight: A table runner or wallhanging that uses simple piecing and appliqué techniques. \$45 Mon Nov 13 (2nd Class TBA) 1-4pm.

Seasonal Table Runner: These table runners are a treat to make in any fabric. Pick a theme, chose the fabric and you're more than half way done. A great last minute gift idea. \$30 Thurs Dec. 7; 1-5pm

Christmas Bells Table Runner: Simple piecing, folding and sewing techniques make this three dimensional runner exciting in any colour scheme. This is a great project for Christmas decorating or gift giving. \$45 Thurs Nov. 23 & 30; 12-3pm

Wacky Windows: A simple print and attic windows make a truly stunning quilt. The windows are very easy stack and whack blocks. Learn how easy and straight forward this quilt is to stitch. \$65 Tues Nov 14, 21 & 28; 1-4pm

Needleworks Class Registration Policies

- * Full Payment is required at the time of registration. GST is added to the cost of all classes.
- * Students will receive a full refund or store credit if classes are cancelled due to insufficient registration.
- * A supply list will be given at time of registration. Please confirm class is running before purchasing class supplies
- * Students purchasing their supplies at Needleworks will receive 10% off their purchases.
- * Classes start on time and end on time! Plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that you can be relaxed and ready to start on time.
- * Students are asked to be considerate of other students in the classroom and not wear perfumes or use their cell phone during class time.

Save paper and postage: give us your email address and we'll add you to our electronic mailing list.

Serging:

Beginner Serger: This class is for those who know very little about their sergers. This class is set at a slow pace 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. \$65 Tues November 14, 21, & 28; 6-9pm

Serger Sweatshirt: Use your serger and a few quick tricks to cut and sew a sweatshirt or T-Shirt with only 2 pattern pieces. \$25 Thurs Nov. 7; 2-5pm

Cover Hem Vest: Learn to use the cover hem features on your serger while making a one of a kind vest. \$50 (pattern included) Mon. Nov 27 & Dec 4; 1-4pm.

Kids Sewing Classes

All levels of sewers are welcome. Students work at their own pace on a selection of projects. We help to direct them in their choices of project based on their levels of experience. Full details on our classes can be found on our web site. www.needleworks.org

Kids Sew After School: Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks. Mondays or Wednesdays. 4:30-6:00pm

Kids Saturday Sew: Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons.

- November 4, 11, 18; 9-11am
- December 2, 9, 16; 9-11am
- January 13, 20, 27; 9-11am

Home School Classes: Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings. Classes begin Friday, September 8. Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. \$45 Check out the web page for full details. www.needleworks.org

- 11 years and older: 9-10:30am