

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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We had a great time at our first anniversary celebrations. We had lots of student samples on display and many customers entered the draws. All have been notified, so if you didn't win any of the draw prizes, I am sorry....but hope that you will still enter the next draw we have.

We are all busy sewing for Christmas decorating or gift giving. With that in mind, we have set aside the month of December as a Christmas Sew Month. We will be offering a variety of classes with quick projects in mind for adding a bit of holiday splash to your home or to give to friends and family....don't forget something for yourself as well.

Inform: We are pleased to announce that we will be open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm. Our late openings on Mondays and Tuesdays has caused some confusion and Hermina has agreed to come in those mornings and open up for us. Although we are officially closed at 6pm each evening, we will let you in if we are here for a class. We ask that you limit your visit to a quick trip to pick up a few things.

Excite: Just in are a shipment of beautiful blouse weight and jacket weight fabrics. We are already fighting over the ones we want to take home. We need to remind ourselves that we should leave some fabric on the bolts for our customers. We have some really nice rayons, "ethnic" bucles, knits and linens. Christmas is coming and I am sure I am not the only one who needs a new holiday outfit!

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.

Free Motion Quilting: Learn how to hand quilt with an electric needle! This class teaches students how easy it is to achieve perfect tension and stitch length while creating some beautiful fill stitches. Students will also learn how to use templates and transfer the patterns to the quilt top. \$45 *Our November class has been re-scheduled to Thursday, December 7 & 14; 6-9pm*

The following is a list for our **Christmas Sew Month**. You can set the start and end time of your class for your convenience. Simply register for any time period during the day. We'll just make sure that we don't have an over-full classroom for any time frame. Call the store for more details.

Kids Christmas Sew: An opportunity for children to work on a Christmas surprise for parents, other family members or friends. Registration includes instruction and project supplies. There are a variety of projects available: pillowcases, fleece hats, mitts and scarves, ornaments, book covers and bags of all kinds. \$40 includes projects supplies.

- Monday: December 11 or 18; 4-6pm
- Wednesday: December 13 or 20; 4-6pm
- Saturday: December 2, 9 or 16; 2-4pm

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 or decorating idea. \$30 Thur, Dec 7; 1-5pm or Wed. Dec 20; 10am-7pm

Fabric Postcards: These quick and easy fabric cards are great to send to friends near and far away. In the class, students will learn how to make a basic card and how to embellish cards with decorative stitches, threads, quilting and appliqué....\$25 includes supplies for 2 cards. 2 hours. Tuesday, December 5; 10am-9pm

Lace Scarf: Beautiful threads and a zig zag stitch are all you need to sew up the perfect fashion accessory. These scarves are like chocolates, you can't make just one. Register for 2 hours \$30 includes supplies for one scarf. Wednesday, December 6; 10am-9pm.

Fleece Day: Pick any fleece project and come work in the classroom. Hermina and Allison will be available to give you lots of ideas, tips and tricks for sewing with fleece. Register for 3 hours \$25. Friday, December 8 or Tuesday, December 19; 10am-9pm. Pattern and fabric are extra.

Flap Bags: Everyone needs bags. You can never have too many. Hermina has written the perfect bag pattern to stitch up quickly and elegantly. This bag has a flap that can be embellished to suit your needs. Students will work on one bag in class and be given lots of ideas for embellishing. Register for 3 hours \$30 (pattern included). Tuesday, December 12; 10am-6pm

Chenille Scarf: These scarves are so simple to sew, we can't understand why everyone doesn't know how to make them. Chose a fabric (or two) and make your own cuddly, stylish scarf. Register for 2 hours \$20 Wednesday, December 13; 10am-9pm

Hostess Gifts: This class encompasses a lot of projects. Book the time and make any of a number of small projects that are ideal for gift giving: quilted coasters, fabric containers, gift bags, and place mats are a few of the projects available. Register for 3 hours \$25 Thursday December 14 10am-6pm or December 21; 10am-9pm.

Christmas Sew: We have set aside some time in the classroom for you to come and sew "in secret". A great way to keep prying eyes away from your Christmas sewing. Book table space for only \$5 per hour. Any Monday or Friday in December from 10am-9pm. Space is limited, so please pre-book in advance.

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Sewing: The following class information is for the new year. Contact us if you have any class ideas for the new year.

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

Fleece: Chose any fleece jacket pattern and learn how to sew stable seams, use interfacing and put in flat zip-pers.

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

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

Skirt: A skirt looks good when it fits properly. Learn how to get a good fit, sew a lapped zipper & back kick pleat in this tailored skirt. Students will have opportunity to alter their pattern for personal design ideas. \$85

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. New classes will be scheduled for the new year.

Fun: Classes listed under our Fun section, are projects that don't fit into any other category....home decorating, bags, decorative sewing, etc.

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

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. Only \$10 per hour...\$25 for 3 hours. Dates will be set in the New Year.

Quilter's Primer or 1-2-3 Quilts: These classes are designed for very beginner quilters. Each class will teach specific quilting techniques for a completed quilt. So, start at the very beginning and make some great quilts. These classes will give you a great start for lots of fabulous quilts. \$65-\$120 includes book

Serging:

We have a series of serger classes that lead a student from the very basics to a more advance level of confidence for sewing with their serger. Check out the web page for full details.

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.

- December 2, 9, 16; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- January 13, 20, 27; 9-11am or 11am-1pm

Home School Classes: Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings. 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
- 7-10 years old: 10:45am—12:15pm

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.
- **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.
- **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.

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.