

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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Since opening the doors in November, I have had people in to visit, and they hadn't realized who owned and operated Needleworks....so, I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself. Needleworks is owned and operated by Allison Spence. My husband and two daughters are fully supportive and you've probably met one or all of them when you have been to the store. They have spent a lot of time helping out and doing jobs that I just haven't found time for. My parents have also traveled from Winnipeg to help us get ready to open the store. Mum will be back at the beginning of March, please drop by to say hi.

I have a Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg. I have always said that I didn't learn to teach at university...but through years of teaching swimming. I remember very clearly writing, teaching and evaluating lesson plans for my swimming instructor certificate. I have taught school and now chose to teach sewing. I have taught sewing and quilting classes for over 13 years in and around Calgary. During that time I also sold sewing machines and sergers and am knowledgeable about both.

In addition to being an avid reader of anything thrilling or mysterious, I love to sew, quilt, knit, crochet and embroider. At the moment I seem to be knitting lots of socks but hope to graduate and finish a sweater or two this year.

I am a member of Alberta Handicrafts Guild, Calgary Branch, Quilt and Needlework Groups. I have served this group in a number of capacities and am currently the vice-president of the Calgary Branch. I sing in the church choir and my husband and I are active participants in the life of the congregation at Thornhill Baptist Church.

There, now you know all there is know about to me!!! Back to NeedleNews.

Hours of Operation

Mon & Tues: 1-6pm

Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm

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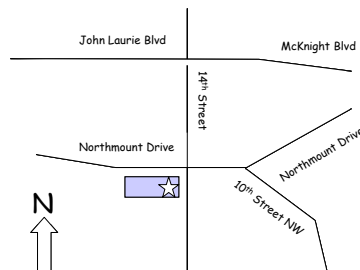
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Excite: I am excited about the new classes we will be offering in the next few months. Margaret from Jo-Als Styles in Linden will be in to teach a workshop on Photo Transfer and the Woven Star Table Runner on March 7th. Shirley Paterson is ready for her Rough Edge Appliqué class on February 25th as well as a Postcard class the following week. Hermina Duby is going to help us make our own Duct Tape Clones for dressmaking. I am so looking forward to this as I have wanted to make one for years. She assures me it is very easy and a lot of fun. Spirit Fire Organizer Bag will also be taught by Hermina. Carol Van Ee continues to teach MacPhee Workshop classes.

Inform: The next issue of "A Needle Pulling Thread" is on its way. Call and I'll add your name to the hold list for your own copy. If you haven't seen this magazine yet, drop by and look at the store copy. A great magazine that promotes Canadian needlework.

Educate: Our goal at Needleworks is to teach you something every time you visit. I had a lady in yesterday who asked me to show her how to make a French knot. She was in and out within 5 minutes. I have another lady who has come a few times to sit and learn to crochet. She is working on a Granny Square afghan. Customers and Students are welcome at any time to drop by and ask for help. My policy is as follows: if you drop by and we can help you at the cutting table or the cash desk in a few minutes there is no charge. If you want to come in and want to work on a project and we sit in the classroom to work....the charge is \$4 per hour. Pretty inexpensive for some great instruction!!!



You can find us at the south west corner of Northmount Drive and 14th Street NW

Classes: Needleworks' mission is to teach needlecrafts and supply the materials needed for those classes....We have a variety of classes for those who want to learn in a structured way and for those who want to sew in a more relaxed environment. Teachers are invited to contact us with class ideas.

Open Sew or Quilt Class: We have had requests for a time when students can come into the store and work on a project of their choice and rely on the instructor for help and advice. We have set aside some time each month for this.

- **Quilt:** Wed. March 1, 8, 15; 1:30-4:30pm \$40
- **Quilt:** Fri. April 7, 21, 28; 6-9pm \$40
- **Sew:** Mon. March 27, April 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm \$40
- **Sew:** Fri, April 7, 21, 28; 2-5pm \$40
- **MacPhee Workshop:** Carol will be here to help you with any MacPhee Workshop pattern and project. Finish something you have already started, or take this opportunity to start something new. Fri. March 17, 24, 31; 12-6pm \$45 for any 9 hours.

Tech Class: Bleaching & Foiling: Join us as we explore the fun and creative uses of bleach and foil papers to embellish fabrics. Fri Feb 17; 1-4pm \$40

Sewing for your Children: Choose a project and under the guidance of the instructor, sew for your child or grandchild. Mon. February 13, 20, 27; 7-10pm \$65.

Triumphant Triangles: Learn how to master the often imitating Half Square Triangle. Students will work on two methods of HST while making a couple of blocks. Thurs. February 16; 6-9pm \$25

Quilter's Primer Two !: Learn more advanced piecing techniques such as curved seams, set-in seams and cutting with templates. 3rd Friday of the month 6-9pm \$25

Rough Edge Appliqué: Make the top of a one-of-a-kind scenic wall hanging with mountains, lake, forest and fence. Incorporate embellishments and free motion embroidery. Sat February 18; 10am-4pm \$45 plus kit.

Baggin' It: Let your creative juices flow in this quick and easy bag. Students will make two bags....one to learn the basics and one to have fun! Tues; Feb. 21, 28; 2-5pm \$45

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Learn how to quilt feathers and feather wreaths free hand without any marking on the quilt. Tues February 21, 6-9pm \$25.

Sewing Classes for Kids of all ages:

- **Kids Sew After School** Choose a project and work with the instructor for 4 weeks. Some suggestions are Denim Tote Bag, Hooded sweatshirt, Quilt, Fleece Hat Mitts and Scarf. Mon. 4:30-6:00pm \$45.
- **Kids Sew Camp:** Spring Break can be long and boring....keep it exciting at Sew Camp. The children will begin with a tote bag and move on to a project of their choice.
 - March 27-31; 9-10:30am \$55
 - April 17-21; 9-10:30am \$55
- **Home School Classes:** Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Fridays. Check out the web page for full details. www.needleworks.org

Duct Tape Clone: A long t-shirt and a couple of rolls of duct tape and in no time you'll have your own body double to help you with those fitting sessions. Fri; Feb. 24 & March 3; 6-9pm snacky supper included \$60.

Beginner Serger: Learn how to use a serger properly and with confidence. Learn how to thread from scratch and adjust for perfect tension. A great class for those just starting or who need a refresher in their serging skills. We have sergers available for rent if you haven't purchased one yet. Class cost includes fabric.

- Thur. February 23, March 2, 9; 6-9pm \$85
- Mon. March 27, April 3, 17; 1-4m \$85

JUNKYARD QUILTING—or One quilter's trash is another's Scrap Stash. Have you amassed bags, boxes or bins of leftover bits & pieces of fabric? Or, do you have a stash of mismatched fat quarters or yardage. Maybe some "wonder why I ever bought that" or "gee, that is ugly" stuff? Then this is the class for you. We will explore the gathering, sorting and storage of your scrap stash, learn the value of VALUE and discover which patterns and techniques are most suitable for scraps. 4th Wednesday of the month; 2-5pm \$25

Spirit Fire Organizer Bag: a multi pocketed and zippered tote bag or purse to hold a daytimer, phone and all the other stuff you just have to carry around with you. Sat, Feb 25 & March 4; 1-4pm \$45

Machine Appliqué: Explore a number of methods of machine appliqué, from satin stitch to blanket stitch while creating a beautiful pillow top or small wall hanging. Mon. Feb. 27, March 6; 2-5pm \$45

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. Wed March 1 & 8; 10am-1pm \$45.

Sewing with Knits: Chose a pattern and knit fabric and learn some very handy tips and tricks for successful sewing with knits. Fri. Feb 24, March 3, 10; 1-4pm \$65

Pant Drafting: Learn how easy it is to draft your own pattern for a pair of pants that FIT you! Sat. March 4, 11, 18, 25; 9-12am \$85.

Double Wedding Ring: Learn fast and precise cutting and sewing techniques for a truly remarkable quilt. Thurs. March 9 & 16; 10am-1pm \$70 includes templates.

Pattern Fitting: Choose a pattern and learn how to alter it to fit you. The skills learned in this class will last you for a long time. Mon. March 6, 13; 6:30-9:30pm \$45

Woven Table Runner: Learn how to weave tubes of fabric to make this stunning reversible table runner to match TWO different decors! Tues March 7; 10am-6pm \$70 (pattern included).

Photo Transfer: Preserving memories on cloth, creating your own fabric, making keepsake gifts...these are a few of the things we'll show you during coffee and goodies. Tues. March 7; 6:30-8:30pm \$10.

Fleece Jacket: Make an easy yoked jacket with side seam pockets, binding and a front zipper from warm and cuddly polar fleece. Wed. March 1, 8; 6-9pm \$55 pattern included

Shirt: Collars, cuffs and buttons, Oh My! They only look difficult but are really quite easy. Thurs. March 9, 16, 23; 2-5pm \$65

Broomstick Skirt: A serger makes gathering the tiers of this skirt quick and easy. Mon. March 13; 2-5pm \$25

Lone Star: Design and sew a lone star quilt. This class will teach you how to cut and sew the diamonds and stitch perfect in-set seams. Tues March 14, 21; 9-12am \$45

Sewing With Fleece: Chose a pattern and fabric and work with polar fleece. The instructor will show you time saving tips and techniques. Wed. March 14 & 22; 10am-1pm \$45

Paper Piecing: also known as foundation piecing. Students will learn the easiest way to foundation blocks. Thurs. March 16, 10am-1pm \$30 (pattern included)

9-Patch Jacket: Play with simple 9-patch blocks and create a stunning jacket to highlight a favourite fabric. Tues. March 14, 21, 28; 6-9pm \$75 pattern included

Seasonal Table Runner: Learn a few quilting techniques in this quick and easy project. Chose a theme print and combine it with a contrast fabric for an easy and quick-to-do project. Tues. March 21, 28; 1-4pm \$45

Jean Jacket: Looking for something to do with all your old jeans? Come learn a quick and easy traditional jean jacket or vest with pockets, zipper or snaps. Use new denim too! Thurs. March 23, 30; 6-9pm \$45.

Hand Dyed Fabric: Spend an evening exploring colour and texture. Dye 26 pieces of fabric in colour gradation from dark to light and exciting textures. Thurs. March 23; 6-9pm \$130 (includes all fabric and supplies)

Beginner Quilting: Chose from 3 different patterns to make a lap sized quilt. A great class for beginners and more experienced quilters. You will learn how to do things properly and accurately with a perfect result. Wed. March 29, April 5, 12; 1-4pm \$65

Beginner Sewing: A pair of flannel pajamas will get you off to a great start with sewing. Learn how to prepare the pattern, cut the fabric, use your sewing machine and sew the pajamas. Thurs. March 30, April 6, 13, 20; 6-9pm \$85

Needleworks Class Registration Policies

- * GST is added to the cost of all classes.
- * Full Payment is required at the time of registration. **No names** will be written on the class list without full payment.
- * There are no refunds on class registrations. You are welcome to send a friend in your place if you cannot attend.
- * Classes require a minimum enrollment and may be cancelled if the minimum has not been met 1 week before the start of class. Students will be notified of class cancellations. If a class is cancelled, students will receive a full refund or store credit.
- * A supply list will be given out 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. Needleworks is committed to providing quality instruction and quality products. Purchasing your class supplies at Needleworks helps us to provide quality materials and help assure a successful project.
- * Plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that you can be relaxed and ready to start on time. Classes start on time and end 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.