

NeedleNews

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I want to extend a sincere thank you to all my friends and students who have supported me during this great step in my life. Opening my own place has been a dream for years and I am so grateful for the encouragement I have received. I love to sew and love to help others with their sewing projects.

I had a discussion with a new customer yesterday. She was glad that a place like Needleworks had opened. We started talking about the number of people who don't sew and why there are so many who never learned. We decided that there is a generation or two who were given many options in school in addition to Home Ec. They chose to do auto shop, outdoor ed, photography, and a host of other things instead of learning to cook and sew. I don't have anything against these electives, just am saddened that there are quite a number of people who never did learn how to use a sewing machine or experience the excitement of sewing themselves a garment. Needleworks is hoping to correct that.

We are having a good response to our children's sewing programs. We now have classes for home schoolers on Friday mornings as well as Kids Sew After School on Mondays and Kids Saturday Sew on Saturday mornings. Full details on these classes can be found on the web site.

We are trying to provide a wide variety of classes for all customers. We are not a Quilt Shop, we are a Fabric Store that sells clothing and quilting fabrics and supplies. We teach both clothing and quilting classes and when we have the interest we will branch out to home dec classes as well. The web site lists all the classes

Hours of Operation

Mon & Tues: 1-6pm

Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm

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that we have in our roster to date. These will stay on the site and dates will be added when we schedule them. If you see something that interests you, please call us. And we will try to add it to the schedule in the next few weeks.

Excite: I am sure that I have mentioned it before, but I love the mail man and the various delivery truck drivers!!! I get excited when I see the brown UPS truck pull up to the door!! It means that I am about to have Christmas again. I seem to order fabric and then promptly forget about it. I have just received two orders that had completely slipped my mind.....new colours of fleece including a beautiful shaggy plush fleece in a small check print, and a lovely crinkled fabric with sequins in tie dye colours. I am always ordering new notions, so don't hesitate to ask for something you don't see or can't find.

Inform: I am trying to stay away from frequent shopper discounts, so have a few in-store offers for *all* shoppers. Purchase any 4 Fat Quarters and receive 1 free and any class supplies purchased at Needleworks is given a 10% class discount. Empty a bolt of fabric and receive a 10% discount. For those who receive the newsletter through email, there is a weekly special offered. Make sure you mention it to us when you are paying for your purchases.

Educate: It seems that almost every day I am able to teach something to someone. Tools that I have used for years and can't seem to live without are totally unknown to others. One student this week had never used twin needles before. I LOVE twin needles! They can be used

to stitch decorative stitches or to simply hem a knit shirt. Come on in and I'll show you how to use these really versatile needles.

Our goal at Needleworks is to teach you something every time you visit. 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 in a few minutes there is no charge. If you want to come in and work on a project and we sit in the classroom to work....the charge is \$5 per hour. Pretty inexpensive for some great instruction!!!

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.

Sew-Beginner: These classes are foundational classes. They have been chosen for beginner level sewers, or those who want to brush up on some of the basic sewing skills.

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

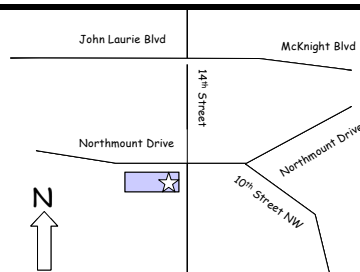
Sewing With Knits: Chose a pattern and knit fabric and learn some very handy tips and tricks for successful sewing with knits. Mon. May 1, 8, 15; 6:30-9:30pm \$65

Shirt: Collars, cuffs and buttons, Oh My! They only look difficult but are really quite easy. Sat. April 22, 29, 6; 1-4pm \$65

Sew-Intermediate: These classes take you further in garment construction. It is expected that you will have some foundational or basic sewing skills to participate in these classes

Pant Drafting: Learn how to measure, draft and sew a basic pair of pants that will fit you! Tues. May 2, 9, 16, 23; 6-9pm \$85

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 16, 30; 6-9pm \$45.



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

Sewing Classes for Kids of all ages: These classes are designed so the students can work independently on their own project with the guidance of the instructor.

- **Kids Sew After School** Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. Mon. 4:30-6:00pm \$45.
- **Kids Saturday Sew** Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons. Sat. April 1, 8, 22; 9-11am \$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

Plus Size Jean Jacket: Sewing for the larger sized woman can sometimes be frustrating. Let Hermina show you how to adjust patterns for a good fit and a great look. Wed. April 5, 12; 10am-1pm \$45

Lycra: This class will teach you some tips and techniques for measuring and sewing lycra fabric for dance and skating costumes. Tues. April 11, 6-9pm \$25

Wind Suit: Stitch a suit to keep the wind out when you are outside in our wonderful spring weather. Wed, April 5, 12, 19, 26; 6-9pm \$85

Stampede Sewing: Calgary Stampede is just around the corner. Stitch something western to wear during our annual celebration. Students can chose from skirts, shirts or jackets. Thurs. April 6, 13, 20, 27; 1-4pm \$85

Golf Vest: A reversible, zippered vest is a great item for the golf course....add some appliqué and you are all set. Thurs, April 6, 13; 9-12am \$45

Canadian Jacket: a cozy warm jacket for sitting in front of the camp fire or long walks on vacation. Tues, April 18, 25; 6-9pm \$45

We are always on the look out for new class ideas. Some customers have expressed interest in a Rug Hooking Class or Club, Knitting Socks, learning Battenberg Lace, etc. We also want to make the classroom available to groups who want to rent it for their own activities.

Sew-Fun Not specifically garment classes, the classes listed in this Sew Fun section are designed to encourage you to become more creative in your sewing.

Thread Painting: Have you ever seen the beautiful thread painting birds, flowers, scenes etc, which are done on an expensive -- machine embroidery sewing machine? Well, you can do the same thing --- on any sewing machine. Wed. March 29th; 10:30am-4:30pm \$45

Baggin' it: Let your creative juices flow in this quick and easy bag. Learn the basics with the first bag and have fun with the second! Sat. April 1 & 8; 1-4pm \$45

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. Sat. April 29; 9am-4pm \$100 (includes all supplies)

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)

Adult Serging: A serger uses 2 or more threads to sew a seam and neatly finish the raw edges. Learning how to use your serger to it's full capacity will not only increase your sewing enjoyment, but encourage you to sew more.

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.

* Mon. March 27, April 3, 17; 1-4m \$85

* Thurs. May 4, 11, 18; 6-9pm \$85

Broomstick Skirt: A serger makes gathering the tiers of this skirt quick and easy. Tues. April 11; 6-9pm \$25

Cover Hem: Learn how to use the cover hem and chain stitch features on your serger. Wed. April 5 & 12; 2-5pm \$45

Adult Quilting: Stitching layers of fabric together is all there is to quilting! We offer classes from beginner to intermediate and advanced in a variety of different classes. All are designed to give you confidence to take the next step in quilting.

Fun Fridays: Take advantage of this time set aside to work on a quilting project. There will be an instructor

available to help you with any of the pattern, cutting, sewing, etc questions you may have. Want to start a new project, but just don't know where to begin? Need help with some fussy piecing. This is the time to come and work and learn a few new things. Friday. April 7 or 21; 1-4pm \$25 per day or register for both for only \$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. Mon April 10, 17; 6:30-9:30pm \$45.

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Learn how to quilt feathers and feather wreaths free hand without any marking on the quilt. \$25.

Free Motion Quilting - Trapunto: Learn to stitch 3 dimensional quilts with this easy free motion technique. Tues April 4; 6-9pm \$25

JUNKYARD QUILTING—or One quilter's trash is another's Scrap Stash. This class has been a great success. Students have learned so much about scraps and how to use them. We are thinking of offering this class for 4 weeks instead of over 4 months. Let us know if you are interested.

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.