

# NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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I have had a very busy month. A trip to Regina for a graduation from the RCMP Academy and a quick drive to Winnipeg for a funeral. Although I had the time off, I didn't get much of a rest. I was quite eager to get back to Needleworks and into the flow of things. I have also taken a class and stitched my very first Jean Jacket. The jacket wasn't as difficult as I had always thought. I have lots of plans to make more jackets using different fabrics and embellishing techniques. I also plan to participate in the Photo Transfer Work Day next week and make a special quilt for my son-in-law.

We have such a talented group of sewers in Calgary. I am hoping that I can attract a more diverse group of teachers in the next few months. Please contact me if you have any ideas for classes that you would like to take or teach.

**Excite:** I am so excited about the kids sewing classes at Needleworks. We have a variety of opportunities for classes: Monday afternoons, Saturday mornings, Friday mornings and Spring Break and Summer Camps. In recent Spring Break camps we had a number of young sewers. They learned the basics of using sewing machines and the various tools properly. Some of the sewers were only 7 years old and they sewed totes and zippered bags. I am looking forward to continuing with lessons with some of these children during the Summer Sew Camps.

## Hours of Operation

Mon & Tues: 1-6pm

Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm

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**Inform:** When I was planning to open Needleworks I decided to carry magazines instead of a lot of books. To date; we have in store the Sew News magazines and the newly published A Needle Pulling Thread. I hope to carry Threads and the Australian Stitches magazines soon. I believe that all of these publications are valuable resources for home sewers. Each issue is full of lots of ideas for beginner and more experienced sewers. I will let you know when they arrive through the weekly updates. If you would like me to keep one on hold for you, please leave your name and phone number with us.

## Needleworks' First Annual Swap & Shop

When: Saturday, June 3; noon-6pm

Where: Needleworks' Classroom

What: Your no longer needed sewing and crafting items

Why: To encourage sewers and crafters to reduce their stash of un-used items.

Complete details will be posted on the Web page May 1 and included in the May NeedleNews .

**Educate:** Learning to sew, serge and quilt can be a very enjoyable experience. Each week I hear from students how much they enjoyed their time and how much they learned in the class. A few hours out of your week will teach you some very valuable skills that will give you more confidence in your sewing abilities.

**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

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!!!

a structured way and for those who want to sew in a more relaxed environment.

We are always looking for new ideas for classes. Let us know of the projects and techniques you would like to learn. Teachers are also 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.

**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:** A basic of any wardrobe is a shirt. Learn how to using interfacing, stitch collars, cuffs and buttonholes. This class will also cover pattern adjustments for a more personalized fit. Sat. May 6 & 13; 2-6pm \$65

**Summer Skirt:** Start by drafting a straight skirt. Learn how to alter the pattern for personal style and the great summer fabrics available. Thurs. April 20 & 27; 6-9pm \$45.

**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

**Technique Tuesdays:** We are going to offer some technique classes in June. Learn how to use twin needles, stitch zippers, and buttonholes. These short classes will teach you the basics and give you many ideas for using your new skills.

**Twin Needles:** Tues. June 6; 6-9pm \$25

**Zippers:** Tues. June 12; 6-9pm \$25

**Buttonholes:** Tues. June 26; 6-9pm \$25

**Summer Dress Fitting:** During the winter we offered a "little black dress" fitting class. Although the name has changed, the class hasn't. Chose a simple dress pattern and come and learn how to make it fit **you**. Once you have a pattern that fits, you can make a variety of alterations and not have to worry about making each new pattern fit. Wed. May 10, 17; 6-9pm \$45

**Pant Drafting:** Learn how to measure, draft and sew a basic pair of pants that will fit you! Tues. May 9, 16, 23, 30; 6-9pm \$85

**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. May 6, 13, 27; 9-11am \$45
  - Sat. June 3, 10, 24; 9-11am \$45
- **Kids Summer Sew and Quilt Camp:** We are planning now for week long sewing camps. Let us know what weeks would be best for you and we'll do our best to accommodate your family's summer schedule.
  - 10-12am: 7-10 years old. \$70
  - 1-4pm: 11 years and older. \$100
- **Home School Classes:** Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings at 9am. Check out the web page for full details. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

**Plus Size Fit:** 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. May 10, 17, 24, 31; 1-4pm \$85

**Plus Size Jean Jacket:** Stitch yourself a well fitting wardrobe basic. Wed. June 7, 14, 21; 6-9pm \$65

**Lycra:** This class will teach you some tips and techniques for measuring and sewing lycra fabric for dance and skating costumes. Dates TBA

**MacPhee Workshop** has lots of great patterns available. Let Carol, an experienced MacPhee Instructor help you with your next project. She knows all the tricks and tips of these patterns to assure you of a great finished project. Thurs. June 8, 15, 22; 6-9pm \$64

**Fleece Jacket:** Many have commented on the fleece jackets we have on display. Make your own with reverse appliqué or twin needle stitching, and zippered pockets. Mon. June 5, 12, 26; 6-9pm \$70 pattern included.

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.

**Fun Fridays:** Take advantage of this time set aside to work on a sewing 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? This is the time to come and work and learn a few new things. Book ahead for only \$5 per hour.

**Photo Transfer:** Margaret will show you how easy it is to use your computer to create some truly memorable pictures on fabric. Wed. April 26; 9-11am \$15

**Photo Transfer Work Day:** make a day of it and work with Margaret to print photos on fabric. She'll guide you step by step through the fabric preparation to the completed printing. Wed. April 26; 11:30-4:30pm \$55 includes fabric. \*register for both photo transfer classes and save \$10.

**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! Mon. May 8 & 15; 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 Rainbow:** Learn some basic colour theory while dyeing two 12-step colour wheels. Wed. June 7; 6-9pm \$125 (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.

\* Thurs. May 11, 18, 25; 6-9pm \$85

**Cover Hem:** Stitch a fleece or denim vest and learn to use the cover hem and chain stitch features on your serger. Thurs. June 1 & 8; 2-5pm \$45

**Broomstick Skirt:** A serger makes gathering the tiers of this skirt quick and easy. Thurs. June 1; 6-9pm \$25

**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.

**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. Tues. May 16, 23; 1-4pm. \$50 pattern included.

**Lone Star:** Love the look of the 8 pointed Lone Star Quilts, but don't have a clue how or where to start? Learn how easy it is to plan and sew this stunning quilt. Mon. May 29, June 5, 12; 1-4pm \$65.

**Foundation Piecing:** Paper or foundation piecing is really quite easy. In this class, students will begin working on a Woven Geese wall hanging or a pattern of their choice. Mon. May 1; 1-4pm \$25.

#### 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.