

NeedleNews

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Summer is just around the corner. Many sewers put away their machines for the summer while they are working in the garden or are out on the golf course. Finding the time to sew or take classes can be a challenge. Give yourself a break this summer and take a class at Needleworks.

We are planning a lot of one day classes and even scheduling them for the afternoon and evening. You can get some yard work done or a round of golf in before lunch and come in for a nice relaxing afternoon or evening of sewing.

Needleworks' First Annual Swap & Shop

- When: Saturday, June 3; noon-6pm
- Where: Needleworks' Classroom
- What: Your no longer needed sewing & crafting items
- Why: To encourage sewers and crafters to reduce their stash of un-used items.

Excite: We are excited about our first ever **Swap & Shop**. We are getting calls asking about what types of things people can put in the swap. The general rule is that if it is related to crafting in any way, it is acceptable. Just don't forget to come back on June 3rd to see what others have brought in. You may be able to pick up a real find!

All items need to be pre-registered and brought in before June 3rd. Use the registration form available on line at www.needleworks.org or in the store.

Set your own price for the items you want to sell. We will keep 10% of all sales to donate to charity, Neighbourlink Calgary.

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

Inform: We now have the DMC embroidery floss in the store. Use it in the traditional way to embroider by hand or use your sewing machine to embellish your next quilt or sewing project.

Educate: "*P is for Perfect*" not sure what that means? Come in and we'll show you how to make sure you put your bobbin in your sewing machine properly. This will solve lots of tension and sewing problems.

Classes: Lots of new classes and summer specials.

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.

Golf Shirt: Learn how easy it is to sew a front placket and collar for a traditional golf shirt. Tues. June 13, 20; 6-9pm \$45.

Twin Needles: Twin needles can be used in so many different ways...Learn how to use them and create a variety of different effects. Tues. June 6; 6-9pm \$25

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 or at least a willingness to challenge yourself.

Pattern Fitting: Many home sewers enjoy the actual sewing, but get frustrated because their outfits don't always fit the way they want them to fit. Bring a pattern and learn how to adjust it for a good fit. You can then get back to what you truly enjoy....sewing. Wed. May 31 7 June 7; 6-9pm \$45

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 \$65

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

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

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.

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.

Battenberg Lace: Learn how to stitch this timeless form of needlework. Thurs. June 14; 1-4pm \$40 (includes pattern)

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.

Serger Basics: This is a shortened version of our beginner serger class. In 3 hours you will review threading and learn the full variety of stitches your serger can do. We have sergers available for rent if you haven't purchased one yet.

- Thurs. July 6; 6-9pm \$25
- Thurs. August 10; 6-9pm \$25

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.

1-2-3 Quilting: Three classes and three steps to a beautiful quilt. Learn how to cut and sew the top; layer and quilt; and bind the quilt. This is a great beginner quilt. Chose from 3 different designs. Thurs. July 6, 13, 20; 6-9pm \$65

Borders: Learn how to measure and sew straight edge and mitered borders so your quilts will lay completely flat. Mon. July 24; 6-9pm \$25

Binding: A smooth and full quilt makes a beautiful finish to any quilting project. Learn simple steps to perfect binding. Mon. July 31; 6-9pm \$25

Stained Glass: Make your own bias in this quick and easy method for creating stunning stained glass quilts. Wed. July 12, 6-9pm \$25

Diamond Log Cabin: A new twist on the traditional log cabin quilt. Easy piecing makes this quilt a snap. Thurs. June 22; 9am-4:30pm. \$50

Rough Edge Vest: Use the rough edge appliqué method to embellish a vest. Tues. July 4; 1-8pm & July 11; 6-9pm. \$100 (fabric kit and pattern included)

Rough Edge Appliqué Wallhanging: Use the rough edge appliqué method to stitch a striking wall hanging. Tues. August 8; 1-8pm. \$65

Thread Painting: Learn how to use your machine to paint beautiful pictures or embellish your clothing or quilting projects. Mon. July 17, 1-8pm \$50

Dresden Delight: Start your Christmas sewing early. These quick to make table runners are sure to be a hit. Learn how to make templates for speedy cutting. Tues. July 18; 2-8:30pm \$50 (includes pattern)

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.

- Tues. May 23 & 31; 1-4pm \$45
- Mon. Aug 7 & 14; 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.

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!!!

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Continue what you have learned in beginner levels of Free Motion Quilting. Learn how to stitch feathers and feather wreaths freehand with minimal marking on the quilt.

- Tues. June 27; 6-9pm \$25
- Tues. Aug 22; 6-9pm \$25

Free Motion Quilting-Trapunto: 3-dimensional quilting adds great interest to quilts. Learn all the tricks and tips. Mon. July 10; 6-9pm \$25

Sewing Machine Carry Bag: A bag sturdy enough to carry your machine to class with lots of zippered pockets. Wed. Aug 9; 1-8pm \$65 (includes pattern and zipper kit)

Alpha-Banners: Stitch up a small quilt to celebrate the summer. Machine Appliqué is quick and easy—learn how. Pattern included. Tues. June 27; 2-5pm \$30

Seasonal Table Runner: These table runners are a treat to make in any fabric. Pick a theme, chose the fabric and your more than half way done. Wed, July 19; 2-8:30pm \$45

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. Get a start on some Christmas gift giving with this easy pattern for a wallhanging or table runner. Tues. July 25; 6-9pm \$25.

9-Patch Jacket: 9-Patch Blocks are super simple to make. Make four small quilts and sew them into a beautiful jacket. Fri 6-9 & Sat 10am-2pm July 14 & 15 & Aug 11 & 12 \$90 (pattern included)

Kids Sewing Classes

All levels of sewers are welcome. Students work at their own pace on projects of their choice. We help to direct them in their choices of project based on their levels of experience.

- **Kids Sew After School:** Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. Mon. 4:30-6:00pm \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks.
- **Kids Saturday Sew:** Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons.
 - Sat. June 3, 10, 24; 9-11am \$45
 - Saturday classes will begin again in September.
- **Kids Summer Sew and Quilt Camps:** Join us for a fun week of sewing and quilting. All levels of sewers are welcome. Monday-Friday; 7-10 years old \$70; 10am—noon. 11 years and older. \$100, 1-4pm
 - Sewing: beginners start with a tote bag to teach the basics and then move on to a variety of different projects.
 - July 10-14 -sewing
 - August 14-18 -sewing
 - Quilting: chose from 3 different quilts. All quilts will teach the basics of cutting, sewing and finishing the quilt.
 - July 24-28 -quilting
 - August 21-25 -quilting
- **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

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.