

NeedleNews

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In Calgary we seem to go from winter boots to open toed sandals...sometimes in the same day. Our weather is so changeable. We have had it all this year from sunshine, rain and snow all in one day! Hopefully, we are over the worst of it, and can look forward to just a little bit of really nice warm weather. I am not a pessimist, just a realist!

I like to plan layers into my wardrobe. A dress has to have a jacket or sweater to wear with it. A T-Shirt is very rarely sleeveless, usually short or 3/4 length for the summer so that I don't get too chilled by the sudden temperature changes.

I have had a bit of a problem lately...I haven't had as much time to sew as I would like and as a result get a pair of pants sewn or a shirt sewn, but they usually don't go together. I may make an outfit of pants and jacket, but then have no top to wear with it. My goals for my summer wardrobe are **complete outfits...** Skirts or pants with Tops to match.

Another problem is the constant flow of new fabrics arriving at the store. A lovely tweed came in a while ago and I thought it would be beautiful as a jacket to wear to my nephew's wedding in May. I still haven't sewn the jacket and now new items have come in and I can't make up my mind on what to sew or wear to the wedding!

Join me in making a commitment to sew **complete outfits** this spring and summer. We are here to help you with your sewing needs. Even if it is a zipper or a spool of thread to sew up something in your stash. Lets see how many complete outfits we can sew this spring. I

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think I'll have a bit of a contest. Show us a completed item and we'll put your name into a draw for some great prizes. Draw date will be May 31.

Inform: Alberta Handicrafts Guild evening group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Needleworks. May 3rd is our next meeting. All are welcome to join us. Joan does a super job of leading this group and her demos are great.

Excite: The new multi-packs of Wonderfil's Invisafil thread arrived this week. There are 6 different colours (5 different colour arrangements) in a package. The Invisafil thread is 100wt, soft polyester thread that is ideal for machine quilting, hand or machine invisible appliqué. There are 400 meters on each spool. Each package sells for \$18.00. If you haven't tried this thread yet, you are in for a treat.

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.

Needleworks Class Registration Policies

- * Full Payment is required at the time of registration. GST is added to the cost of all classes.
- * 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.
- * Full details of the registration policy can be found on the website. www.needleworks.org

We are in the early stages of planning our **summer sew schedule**. Let us know what and when you would like a class. We want to fill the summer with lots of options for you to learn a new technique or work on a simple project for some summer fun.

The summer is also the perfect time to start teaching for us at Needleworks. Come in and talk to us if you have an idea for a class and would like to share what you know with others. As Brenda said in her recent class "I am not a teacher, I am just sharing with you what I know and do".

You will notice that some of our classes do not have dates schedule (TBA). If you are interested in one of these classes, give us a call and help us to schedule it at your convenience.

Sewing:

Open Classroom: Come in any time and rent table space to work on your own projects. Only \$5 per hour or 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. \$90 Thurs. April 26, May 3, 10, 17; 6:30-9:30pm

MacPhee Workshop: Learn some great techniques while working on a MacPhee project. \$65 or \$25 per class. Tues April 17, 24, May 1; 6:30-9:30pm

Broomstick Skirt: Create a beautiful summer skirt on a sewing machine (or serger). A simple formula will have you stitching lots of great skirts. \$25 Saturday, May 12; 1:30-4:30pm.

Pants: Draft your own pant pattern. This class will teach you how to measure accurately and draft for a well fitting pair of pants. We have increased the time so that students can sew their pants in class. \$105 Thurs. April 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24; 1-4pm

Dress Fitting: Pick a dress or fitted blouse pattern and learn how to alter the pattern for a perfect fit. This class is no-sew, just careful measuring, pinning and altering. Students will leave with a pattern that fits **them** and can be sewn at home. \$45 Tues. April 17 & 24; 6:30-9:30pm.

Open Sew Class: Book a few evenings in the classroom and under the guidance of the instructor, sew your dress, shirt or another pattern. This classroom time will focus on sewing techniques. \$45 Mon. May 7 & 14; 6:30-9:30pm

Summer T-Shirt: Chose a pattern and fabric for a knit top and we'll help you fit the pattern and sew the top in time for warm weather wearing. Students will use a sewing machine and/or a serger. \$45 Tues May 22 & 29; 6:30-9:30pm

Gore Skirt: A gore skirt has 4 or more sections. Learn how to draft the pattern with a great variety of design elements and then sew the skirt for a one-of-a-kind special summer wardrobe essential. All fabrics can be used and as many gores can be drafted as you desire. \$45 Monday, June 4 & 11; 6:30-9:30pm

Serging:

Serger Basics: 3 hours is almost too little time to show you all there is to know about your serger, but we'll try! In this class the students will learn how to thread their serger with confidence, how to recognize good tension and how to adjust the machine for perfect tension. Students will also learn about the other stitches their serger can do. We also have some machines available for rental if you want to try a serger to see if you like it. \$25 Tuesday, May 15; 1-4pm

Broomstick Skirt: Create a beautiful summer skirt on a serger (or sewing machine). A simple formula will have you stitching up a wide variety of skirts for everyone you know. \$25 Saturday, May 12; 1:30-4:30pm.

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Quilting:

1-2-3 Quilts: A beginner quilting class that will take you from the very beginning to the very end of a quilt. Chose from 3 different quilts, chose from 3 different sizes, learn 3 very important techniques. \$90 Tues. June 5, 12, 19, 26; 6:30-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting: This class will have you creating beautiful quilting stitches in no time. Use a practice quilt to learn and master some beautiful fill stitches for your next quilt. Students will also learn how to use templates and master marking the quilt. \$45 Thurs. June 14 & 21; 6:3-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Learn how to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers. \$25 Mon. April 23; 6:30-9:30pm

Sewing Plus

Let Hermina help you, inspire you and motivate you to sew something that will fit you and look good on you! The following is a list of some classes that Hermina teaches specifically for plus size sewers on Wednesday evening 6:30-9:30pm

- **Plus Jacket:** Learn about proper length and proportion as you sew this wardrobe basic.
- **Plus Jean Jacket:** Make is simple or dress it up with fabrics and embellishments.
- **Plus Top:** A classic shell or top that fits you makes the difference between a so-so outfit and one that is WOW!
- **Plus Skirt:** Learn how to prevent that "too much in the front and not enough in the back" syndrome.
- **Plus Pants:** We'll show you how to make a basic pant to fit your body shape. No more sags or pulls.
- **Plus Dress:** Dresses are hard to fit & find, so come adjust a basic dress pattern that will give you that good fit for a great summer essential.
- **Plus Fleece:** Fleece is the best fabric. Learn how to fit and sew something cozy and fashionable. Fast and easy and made to fit you right.

Kids Sewing Classes

We are pleased to introduce a sewing certificate for our younger sewers. Children can work towards sewing certificates in a variety of different projects. Students work at their own pace on a selection of projects. See the website for more information. www.needleworks.org

Kids Sew After School: Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks. Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays or Thursdays.: 4:30-6:00pm

Kids Saturday Sew: Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons. \$45.

- April 14, 21, 28; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- May 5, 12, 26; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- No Saturday classes in June

Home School Classes: Needleworks is proud to offer sewing 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

Summer Sew & Quilt Camps: we are in the process of planning sewing and quilting camps during July and August. Contact us with your suggestions for dates and times. \$90 Monday to Friday; 10am-12:30pm or 1-3:30pm.



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