

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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A sure sign of spring is **Daylight Savings**. Unfortunately it came a bit earlier this year and I think we are all a bit draggy. So, why not brighten up your spring with a sewing or quilting class or just come in and get some fabric and a great pattern for a new outfit for spring. We are working with our suppliers to get new product in on a regular basis. Hermina does a super job of displaying the new fashion fabrics when they arrive. I just need to find time to sew something up and put it on display.

The sales of the **Monthly Projects** are going well. Even better are the number of completed projects. It is so great to see our customers do more than what was written in the pattern. More table runners have been done and more pockets have been added to the **Cutter Carrier**. Keep up the great sewing. Since April 1 is a Sunday the new **Monthly Projects** will be available March 31. For full details, check the website.

Inform: **Alberta Handicrafts Guild** will be hosting a **Spring Fling** on March 27; 10am-1pm. Check the website for full details. Don't forget the evening group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Needleworks. April 5th is our next meeting. All are welcome to join us.

Excite: I get excited every time a new sewer comes into the store. A customer informed me that she was just finishing her 1st quilt and was now buying fabric for her 2nd quilt....Mexican Star. I know she will learn lots from the class instructor, Carol, as she works on her quilt with beautiful batiks.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

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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.

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.

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.

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

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

Jean Jacket: A jean jacket can be a wardrobe basic. Learn how to adjust the pattern for perfect fit and include a variety of embellishments as you sew your own jacket. \$65 Tues March 27, April 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm

MacPhee Workshop: Learn some great techniques while working on a MacPhee project. \$85 or \$25 per class. Tues March 27, April 3, 25, May 1; 6:30-9:30pm

Sensational Shirts: Chose a shirt pattern and fabric and we'll help you to fit the pattern and sew the shirt. This class will focus on collars, cuffs and buttonholes. \$90 Tues. April 3, 10, 17, 24; 1-4pm

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 Thurs April 12; 6-9pm.

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

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 TBA

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 Thurs April 12; 6-9pm.

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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

Mexican Star: Simple piecing, folding and sewing techniques make this three dimensional wall quilt really sparkle. \$65 Wed March 21 & 28, April 4; 1-4pm

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

- Tues. March 13 & 20; 1-4pm
- 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

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? 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. Students will work on 2 different block styles. \$45 Thurs April 12 & 19; 10am-1pm

Ribbon Geese: Stitch a medallion quilt while learning a number of methods of stitching accurate Flying Geese blocks. Learn also how easy it is to stitch a twisted ribbon border. \$65 Mon April 2, 9, 16; 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. TBA

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

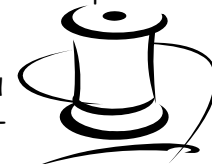
Kids Saturday Sew: Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons. \$45.

- March 10, 17, 24; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- 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.



SWAP & SHOP

Sat. June 2

12-5pm

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