

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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Our 3rd Annual Swap & Shop was a hit.

Thanks to everyone for their support. We are thinking of a mini fall swap on October 4. The fall swap would be strictly donation only. So, it would be a great time to bundle up your sewing and craft things and get them out of the house. Nothing will be priced. You pick from what's available and you decide how much you want to donate to NeighbourLink Calgary. Full details to come.

Preferred Customer discount cards go in the mail every three months. All you need to do is make a few purchases or register for a class or two that total \$300 in three months. We'll send you a discount card that can be used anytime in the store during the next 3 months (class registration excluded). Make sure we have your snail mail address. The next cards will be issued October 1, 2008

Treat Yourself Tuesdays: Our regular Tuesday hours are being extended for the summer. Come between 1-9pm and pay only \$2.50 per hour and sew in our cool air-conditioned classroom! Bring along whatever project you are working on and join us for a

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

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chat, with a little bit of creativity thrown into the mix. These have become a great time of informal instruction in any sewing or quilting related project. Everyone is welcome....we'll learn from each other and be inspired! Call the store for more details.

***Come, let us teach & inspire
your creative side***

Summer Classes

Our **Summer KidSew Camps** are well under way. We have a few spaces left in the August camps and may schedule a 2nd Hand Dyed Flower Garden in the afternoon if there is interest.

Stained Glass: Learn the all-time easiest method of creating stunning stained glass quilts. Students will learn how easy it is to cut, press and apply bias tape to complete any stained glass design. Includes choice of pattern. **Tues & Thurs, July 29 & 31; 10am-1pm \$68 (pattern included)**

4-Patch Stack: Come for some time of simple fun and play. All you need is fabric, pins, your rotary cutting tools and sewing machine. This simple technique creates a fabulous quilt. We'll discuss layout ideas as well. You'll be amazed how a simple fabric can create such striking blocks. **Wed Aug. 6; 6:30-9:30pm \$30**

Quilt As You Go/Reversible Quilting: You will learn in this class the benefits of quilting a block at a time and joining the individual blocks to make a complete quilt. This is not a how to quilt class, but a how to join class. So, bring some orphan blocks, or make up a few quick ones and learn this super technique! **Wed, Aug 13; 12:30-3:30pm \$30**

Classic Skirt: Learn how to fit and sew an unlined skirt with a full waistband and zipper. **Thurs Aug. 14; 5:30-9:30pm \$50 (pattern included)**

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 before buying one. **Wed Aug. 20; 6:30-9:30pm \$30**

The following are some of our **fall line-up** of classes. Let us know what you are interested in and we can make sure we add it to the schedule.

Sewing:

Adult Beginner Sewing: This class is for those who haven't sewn before or who haven't sewn for a long time. You will make two projects (a tote bag and a pullover top) as you learn how to use your new or new to you sewing machine.



Easy Sewing the Kwik-Sew Way: We are excited about our new program. A 6-lesson session for any sewer. The goal is to use the Kwik-Sew pattern book and give students an increased confidence in sewing, while challenging and exploring creativity. Join at any time as we sew T-shirts, Blouses/Shirts/Jackets, pants and skirts.

1. Start with a basic T-Shirt and then make alterations to the pattern and learn how to

- add personal design elements.
2. Sew a basic blouse with collar and cuffs. Turn the shirt into a dress or coat and learn more about personal design changes and embellishments.
 3. Pants and Skirts are wardrobe basics. Make more than one and learn how to fit the crotch and prevent uneven skirt hems.



We have a certified **Palmer Pletsch** Instructor who teaches the following classes. Cindy will give you lots of tips and ideas for beautifully constructed garments.

- **Perfect Fit Blouse:** Learn how to alter the bust darts or seams on a blouse so that you *will* want to wear it and make it again. **Thurs Oct. 2 (6:30-7:30), 9, 16, 23; 6:30-9:30pm \$130 (pattern included)**
- **Classic Skirt:** Learn how to fit and sew an unlined skirt with a full waistband and zipper. **Thurs Aug. 14; 5:30-9:30pm \$50 (pattern included)**

Bra-Making 101: Let Jane help you to fit and sew a professionally made bra that fits you perfectly. On day 2, Learn how to add designer details to your second bra. The cost includes kits for both bras. You will be required to come Friday evening for a pre-class fitting.



Fun: We have lots planned for the fall. Check the web site for a current listing of fun classes.

Calgary's only source for the full line of KWIK SEW patterns

Quilting:

We offer 2 beginner quilting classes. These classes are designed to teach you the basics of quilt making. Learn how to use rotary cutters, sew with accurate seam allowances, layer, quilt and stitch binding to the quilts. Each class is 5 lessons long. The first is a bit easier, you make the same block over and over. The 2nd class teaches a few more techniques.

- **1-2-3 Quilting:** Chose from 3 different quilt designs in 3 different sizes.
- **Quilter's Primer:** This class is a 6-block sampler where , you will learn how to make triangles, measure and add sashing and borders.

Free Motion Quilting—Beginner: 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 explore stitching on the line.

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Learn how to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers in this great no-mark technique.

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 are encouraged to purchase their class supplies at Needleworks. This helps us to offer classes at reasonable rates. - Students purchasing their supplies at Needleworks will receive 10% off their purchases. - Full details of registration policy can be found on the website. www.needleworks.org

Our goal at Needleworks is to teach your child to sew with confidence and inspire their creativity.

KidSew® Program

We are excited about our sewing program at Needleworks. We offer a variety of classes for children who want to learn to sew and quilt.

We are pleased to offer a sewing certificate for our school age sewers. Children can work towards sewing certificates in a variety of different projects. Contact the store for more details.

For children who don't want to participate in the certificate program, they are also welcome to come and chose their own projects (with instructor approval).

Class registration is \$80 for each 4-week session, \$60 for each 3-week session. See the web site for dates available.

Classes are offered

- Monday: 4-6pm
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- Wednesday: 4-6pm
- Thursday: 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm
- Friday: 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 2-4pm
- Saturday: 9-11, 11am-1pm

Pre-Christmas Sew Days: During any of the above listed times from December 6-23, we will have single class registration. Work on a Christmas project or gift. We have lots of ideas. \$20 per session.

Christmas Sew Camps: Sew a Magic-Bog Coat. December 29-31; 10am-noon, 1-3pm \$60.