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Fall Swap & Shop

October 4; 9am-noon
Great sales too!!!!

Register at the store to sell items, or just bring in donations by October 3rd. Come back on Saturday and buy (10% to charity) or make a donation for any un-priced sewing and crafting items you take. We'll have a store wide sale too!!!!

Treat Yourself Tuesdays—has moved to the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

Fun Fridays

Join us after 4pm on Fridays till about 9pm for an evening of sewing and visiting. We'll make sure we have good music, good munchies and a weekly special for these evenings of sewing. Only \$10 for the evening. Staff will be on hand to help you with a project that you want to start or finish. Next Fun Friday is September 20th.

Preferred Customer

discount cards will go in the mail at the end of September. Spend \$300 every three months (including class registrations) and we'll send you a discount card to use for all your purchases in the following 3 months (except class registration). Contact the store or check the web site for more details.

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

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. Mon. Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6; 6:30-9:30pm



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. Tues Sept 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14; 6:30-9:30pm
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. Tues Oct. 21, 28, Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2; 6:30-9:30pm
3. Pants and Skirts are wardrobe basics. Make more than one and learn how to fit the crotch and prevent uneven skirt hems. Tues Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm

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. Sat & Sun, Nov 14 & 16; 9am-5pm \$220



Cloning 101: Do you have a favourite garment, that fits you like a dream? In this class, you will learn how to copy ready-to wear, without having to cut it apart to make the pattern pieces. This is both a demonstration and hands on class. Please bring with you, a simple, well fitting garment, that you would like to copy. (keeping details to a minimum). With this technique, you will be able to successfully copy almost anything. \$30 Mon. Nov 17; 6:30-9:30pm

Akasha Clothing & Palmer Pletsch



Needleworks is pleased to offer classes taught by Cindy Chambers, new owner of Akasha Clothing and a certified Palmer Pletsch fit and pant instructor. Cindy has lots of new things to show us and we are excited about what we have planned for this fall.

Akasha Trunk and Fashion Show Come see what is new with Akasha Clothing and what students have been making. Cindy's approach to sewing is to use the Palmer-Pletsch method of fitting before the fabric is ever cut. Students will be modeling clothes they've made in the pants, blouse, skirt and jacket classes. And there will be an Akasha Trunk Show for you to see the new samples, new patterns, and some old favourites. Try on some of the jackets before you purchase a pattern. Bring a donation for Neighbourlink Calgary (see the suggested list on our web site) and your admission is half price. Thurs. Oct. 9; 6:30-9:30pm \$10. Pre-registration not necessary, but appreciated.

Akasha Jacket Class Stitch up a reversible jacket that is the perfect weight for fall weather. Select either the **Sachi Jacket** or **Prima Jacket** and coordinating fabrics. The instructor will ensure the jacket fits you before you cut it out, and will provide instructions for the unique reversible techniques. Quilt it or not. \$80 including pattern. Thurs. Oct. 23 & 30; 6:30-9:30pm

Creating Textures with Fabric Just plain fun, any way you slice it! This 2 week class will explore a variety of ways to create surface textures and embellishments. Learn to make popcorn fabric, confetti fabric, sheer pleats and more! A class to explore your creative side, and there are no rules. You'll take home a purse and a simple wrap or scarf and your mind will be thinking about incorporating those unique textured fabrics into the next jacket you sew! Kit required. \$75 Wed. Nov 26 & Dec. 3; 6:30-9:30pm

20 Designer Tips To Improve all your Sewing

This popular seminar is back again. Whether you sew fashion garments or home décor, you'll learn tips and tricks that will transform your projects from "home-made" to "hand-fashioned". Easing issues? Puckered sleeves? Fitting questions? Interfacing challenges? You'll learn solutions to all of these and more. Bring a coffee mug and a notepad. You'll go home with some new ideas and techniques. \$15 Thurs. Oct. 16; 6:30-8pm

Pant Fitting Workshop Be prepared for compliments. You'll wear home the best fitting pants you've ever owned. Learn to fit, alter, and construct a pair of plain flat-front pants that fit YOUR body. You'll insert a zipper, attach a waistband, and sew darts. The certified Palmer-Pletsch instructor will help you fit the pants and modify your pattern to use again & again. Intermediate sewing skills required. Pattern, supply kit and book required. \$250 Tues to Thurs, Nov. 4-6; 10am-4:30pm

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

Fit Happens HelpLine Having trouble figuring out why something won't quite fit properly? Have you made the same blouse pattern several times but there's still something wrong? Have a new pattern that you want to make sure fits before you cut into that fabulous silk? For the experienced seamstress that has taken some fitting classes, but needs some additional help with the fitting and alterations. Individualized attention and fitting in a class environment. Bring your fitting tools, cardboard cutting mat and tissue, your pattern and the undergarments you plan to wear with the finished outfit. No sewing tonight....fitting only.

- Wed, Nov 12 6:30-9:30pm \$40
- Wed, Dec 10; 6:30-9:30pm \$40

Bust Out of those Fashion Faux Pas!

Fact: Most women wear the wrong size bra. **Fact:** All commercial patterns are based on a B cup.

Fact: You can have a blouse that fits your bust properly, even if you're more or less than a B cup. If you suffer from button gaposis, or princess droop, this seminar is for you! Learn techniques and tips to make a variety of bust alterations on a variety of garment styles. Bring your notepad, pencil and coffee mug. \$25 Wed Nov. 19; 6:30-8pm

Serger

Beginner Serger: This class is for those who know very little about their sergers. Paced so that you can learn to use your serger properly and with confidence, the instructor will teach you many time saving tips and tricks to enable you to get the most out of your serger. You will make three practical projects to show off your new skills as well making samples for a sample book. \$100 Sat. Oct. 18, 25, Nov 1; 2-5pm

Serger Sweatshirt/T-shirt: Learn some super, time saving techniques in this quick and easy class. Students will learn how to cut and serge a T-shirt or Sweatshirt completely on the serger. \$30 Sat. Nov 22; 2-5pm

Cover Hem Sergers: A class set aside for those who have machines that do the cover hem. Learn how to thread your machine, start and stop stitching and make a simple project to show off your work. \$30 Sat Nov 8; 2-5pm

Fun:

Artsy Bohemian Bag: The classes will encourage and teach you to unleash your creative side. With your fabric and embellishing kit you can create a usable work of art. Hermina will show you how to create this super bag. Embellishing kit included. \$70 Wed. Oct 22 & 29; 6:30-9:30pm

Quilting:

Quilter's Primer: This beginner quilting class is a 6-block sampler where students will learn to use rotary cutting tools, sew with accurate seams, measure and add sashing and binding and learn to machine quilt and add binding. Once you have this quilt done, you will be able to sew up almost any quilt you want. \$160 (book included) Mon Oct 20, 27, Nov. 10, 17, 24; 6:30-9:30pm

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. \$60

- Thurs. Sept 25 & Oct. 2; 6:30-9:30pm
- Thurs. Oct 23 & 30; 12:30-3:30pm

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. \$30 Thurs. Nov 13; 6:30-9:30pm

Whole Cloth Quilt: Take your free motion quilting to the next level. Create a wall hanging size quilt completely machine quilted using a variety of fill stitches, templates and feathers. This is a great way to show off your newly learned skills while making a beautiful work of art! \$65 Wed, Oct. 22 & 29; 12:30-3:30pm

Register for 2 or more of the following classes and receive 15% off registrations after the 1st one.

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. We'll discuss layout ideas as well. You'll be amazed how a simple fabric can create such striking blocks. \$30 Wed. Sept. 24; 12:30-3:30pm

Machine Applique: Learn some simple machine applique techniques while making seasonal blocks. The blocks can be used for a table runner or a fall quilt. \$35 Wed. Oct 8; 12:30-3:30

Dresden Delight: Make a delightful Table Runner or Placemats for Christmas or everyday use. In this class the students will learn to use templates, sew with a 1/4" seam allowance, hand or machine appliqué. \$35 Wed. Oct 1; 12:30-3:30pm

The above 3 classes will help you make blocks that can be sewn together in the following **Quilt As You Go/Reversible Quilting** technique. Take some time for yourself and make a great quilted project!

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! \$30 Wed Oct 15; 6:30-9:30pm

Home Decorating: We are adding new classes for those who want to decorate their homes. Learn to sew Roman Shades, Pillows, Lined Curtain Panels and Bed Furnishings!!!!!! Our classes will start in the new year. Let us know what you are interested in and we'll do work to schedule those with greatest interest first!

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

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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- Thursday: 9-11am, 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.