

NeedleNews

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Swap & Shop Saturday October 3; 10am-2pm.

Looking for some good sewing and crafting bargains? Come and shop at our annual fundraiser for Neighbourlink Calgary. You can also bring in items to "sell".....See the web site for more details. We'll have lots of fabrics, books, patterns, magazines and other items.

Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side

Sewing and Quilting at Needleworks is Fun.

We offer a variety of classes for the beginner and experienced sewer. Check out the full listing on our web page. If you see a class that sounds interesting, but your schedule doesn't work with ours, let us know. We may be able to work your requests into our schedule.

Adult Open Sewing: Time to sew on a project of your choice with instructor guidance. Bring your project and sew! Open for sewing and quilting project. \$60 Mon Oct 19 & 26; 12:30-3:30pm

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. \$120 Tues, Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; 6:30-9:30pm

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday
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Easy Sewing the Kwik-Sew Way: A 6-lesson session for any sewer. The goal is to use the KwikSew pattern book and give students an increased confidence in sewing, while challenging and exploring creativity.

1. Start with a basic **T-Shirt** and then make alterations to the pattern and learn how to add personal design elements. Mon, Oct 19, 26, Nov 9, 16, 23, 30; 6:30-9:30pm \$180
2. Sew a basic **Blouse** with collar and cuffs. Turn the shirt into a dress or coat and learn more about personal design changes. Mon Jan 11, 18, 25, 1, 8; 6:30-9:30pm \$180
3. **Pants and Skirts** are wardrobe basics. Make more than one and learn how to fit the crotch and prevent uneven skirt hems. Mon Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 28; 6:30-9:30pm \$180

Pant Drafting: Draft your own pant pattern. This class will teach you how to measure accurately and draft for a well fitting pair of pants. \$100 Thurs Oct 15, 22, 29; 12:30-3:30pm

Pant Drafting—Sew: Need help sewing the pants you drafted? This time will give you hands-on help to complete a great pair of pants. \$60 Thurs Nov 12 & 19; 12:30-3:30pm

Bra-Making 101: Let Jane help you fit and sew a professionally made bra that fits perfectly. On day 2, learn how to add designer details to your second bra. The cost includes kits for both bras. Sat & Sun, Nov 14 & 15; 9am-4pm \$220

Bra-Making Workday: Made a bra with Jane? Want to make more or fine tune a fit? Come and work! \$50 Sun Nov 29; 9am-4pm

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. \$120 Tues. Nov 10, 17, 24; 12:30-3:30pm

Serger Basics: A shortened version of our beginner serger class. In three hours students will learn how to thread their machine, and explore the full variety of stitches a serger can do. Wed, Oct 27; 6:30-9:30pm \$50

Cooperative Serger Quilt: A class for two...we have planned for an adult and child to create a lap size quilt together. No Serger experience is required. We'll teach you how to cut, serge and finish this great serger project. \$75 for two Sat Oct. 17 & 24; 2-5pm

Serger Quilt: Create a lap size quilt completely on your serger. No experience required. We'll teach you how to cut, serge and finish this great serger project. Tues, Oct 20 & 27; 12:30-3:30pm or Tues Nov 17 & 24; 6:30-9:30pm \$60

Fun:

The Colour Wheel and Beyond An introduction to colour will provide a basic foundation in understanding the colour wheel, hue, value, intensity and colour harmonies and their application to fabric and fabric selection. \$70 includes supplies for the first class. Wed Oct 14 & 28; 6:30-9:30pm

Striped Bali Tote Bag: Here's your opportunity to construct and sew a lined and washable tote bag incorporating one interior pocket and two exterior pockets. Fri Nov 13 & 20; 1-4pm \$60 (pattern included)

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. \$170 Fri Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 13, 20; 9am-12noon

Machine Appliqué Learn how easy and satisfying it is to stitch appliqué quilts by machine. Carol will show you some great tips and techniques as you work on a small wall hanging pattern. Fri Oct 16 & 23; 6:30-9:30pm Pattern included \$65

Table Graces Placemat: Make an early start on holiday gift giving and decorating. These easy placemats can be made in no time at all. \$40 (pattern included) Wed Nov 11; 6:30-9:30pm.

Free Motion Quilting so much more than Stippling! Learn some great tips and tricks as you practice sewing free motion and stitching the perfect patterns on your quilts. We offer great introductory and intermediate classes to give you lots of practice with Free Motion Quilting. Join a scheduled class or find some friends and set your own dates.

Free Motion Quilting—Beginner: Did you know there are 5 basic shapes that make up all quilting patterns? Learn, practice and play with them. This class will also cover how to "stitch on the line" and explore ways to mark your quilt. \$65 Tues Oct 13 & 20; 6:30-9:30pm or Mon Nov 16 & 23; 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 Tues Dec 1; 6:30-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting—whole cloth: Practice your skills by filling in areas on a whole cloth quilt. Pay special attention to the size of the patterns as well as learning how to plan for a variety of continuous quilting designs. Previous FMQ experience encouraged \$50 Thurs Nov 26; 10am-3:30pm

We are pleased to have **Wayne Kollinger** from **TUXEDO PARK DESIGNS** to come and teach a few classes. Wayne is currently working on a book on his great piecing techniques all based on a 9-Patch block. We also have his patterns for sale in the store.

Alberta Series Trunk Show: Come and see what you can make using a variation of a 9-patch block. He'll show us the great variety of blocks that can be made. Fri Oct 2; 7pm \$10

Alberta Series: Learn how to sew any quilt from any of the 14 Alberta Series patterns. They will also be encouraged to do some experimenting and make changes to the pattern. Fri Oct 16 & 23; 12:30-3:30pm \$60

Introduction to Pieced Lettering: Students will gain an appreciation for good pieced lettering. They will learn everything they need to know to sew 3 simple alphabets. Fri Oct 30; 12:30-3:30pm \$30

Sewing Tuxedo Park Pieced Alphabet students will learn how to stitch the Tuxedo Park alphabet as well as understand spacing and sewing accurately. Fri Nov 6; 12:30-3:30pm \$30

Home Decorating: We are excited about our new classes for those who want to decorate their homes. Here's what we have lined up so far. Let us know what else you want to do to make your home special.

Pillow Pandemonium Pillows are one of the simplest and most inexpensive ways to update and bring color into your room. Learn the techniques for making a pillow with everything from tips on zippers, closures, cording and embellishments. As a bonus, learn how to make your own piping. You will be inspired by the many different variations possible to create your own one of a kind pillow. Bring your sewing machine as we will be constructing one in class. \$60. (\$25 kit) Sat Nov 7 or March 6; 10am-3:30pm

Lined Drapery Panels/Valance Learn one of the most versatile yet simple window treatments available. Our lined panels can be made into a long drape or a short valance. This window treatment can be easily adjusted for different sized windows and can be mounted with clips and rings. Also included in this course are how to choose the right lining, along with the many variations possible with this treatment. We will be constructing a sample in class so bring your machines and lets start creating. \$60 (\$25 kit) Sat Oct 24 or Jan 23; 10am-3:30pm

Your Calgary source for
KiwkSew Patterns

Placemat Club: Join us each month as we learn and review quilting techniques. This class is for those who are just starting and also for those who are more experienced. We will cover some of the basics and not so basic skills....everyone will learn something. \$35 per month including fabric. Fri, Oct 30, Nov 27, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, April 23; 6:30-9:30pm.

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.

We have a separate brochure that outlines our KidSew program. You can also access it on the web page.

Classes are offered

- Monday: 4-6pm
- Tuesday: 4-6pm
- Wednesday: 10am-12 noon, 1-3pm, 4-6pm
- Thursday: 10am- 12 noon, 1-3pm, 4-6pm
- Saturday: 9-11, 11am-1pm

Pre-Christmas Sew Days: During any of the above listed times from December 1-23, we will have single class registration. Work on a Christmas project or gift. We have lots of ideas. \$20 per session.

Christmas Sew Camps: Mon-Wed, Dec 28-30; 10am-noon, 1-3pm. Hand Dyed Embellished Pillow/Wallhanging.

We've set dates for the New Year!