

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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The New Year has arrived! We are busy at Needleworks rearranging and putting our new fabrics on display. Our newest arrivals are 20% off.

Preferred Customer Did you spend \$100 in December? Come by and pick up your 15% discount card today and start saving. Full details at the store or on the web site.

WONDERFIL DAY Come join us on Friday, Jan. 23; noon to 6pm for a time with Donna. This Wonderful lady will be demonstrating the Wonderfil line of threads. Learn about the different types and weights, how to use them in your projects, get ideas and a gift!!!!

Check out our "Just Arrived" section of fabrics at the front of the store. These are 20% off. We have some lovely rayon/poly knits, woven shirtings & pant or skirt weights.

We also carry Burda World of Fashion and Burda Plus magazines. They usually arrive in the first week of the month. These great magazines have patterns for all the items shown included for only \$9.50 each.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

Needleworks, Fabrics & Classes

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Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side

We have lots of new classes and events planned for this year. Check the web site for full details. We update the web site on a regular basis as we finalize plans for our various activities.

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. Jan. 26, Feb 2, 9, 16; 6:30-9:30pm \$120.

Sewing For Your Children: Take some time to come and sew for your kids or grandkids without any interruptions! Pick a project to sew and learn with other students a variety of tips and techniques. Mon. Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16; 6:30-9:30pm \$120.

Easy Sewing the Kwik-Sew Way: An exciting way to sew. 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. Join at any time as we sew T-shirts, Blouses/Shirts/Jackets, pants and skirts. \$180

1. Start with a basic **T-Shirt** and then make alterations to the pattern and learn how to add personal design elements. Tues, Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24; 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. Tues March 31, 7. 14. 21. 29. May 5; 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. Next class TBA

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, March 28 & 29; 9am-5pm \$220

Pant Fitting Workshop 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 Pattern, supply kit and book required. \$250 Fri-Sun, April 17-19

Jacket Junkies Club Join the club - the Jacket Junkies Club. Each month we'll meet to work on our latest creations. Cindy will demonstrate a new technique, pattern or alteration. As well, she will provide fitting and alteration assistance and garment construction guidance. Work through the Akasha Clothing patterns and be the first to see the new releases. Remake the same pattern over and over, exploring different fabrics and creative approaches. Or use a commercial pattern and sew in the company of other jacket junkies. You can never have too many jackets in your wardrobe. \$40 per session. Register for all at one time and receive a 20% discount. All times: 6:30-9:30pm. Jan 22; Feb 19, April 16, May 21, June 18

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. Feb 7, 21, 28; 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 Mon. March 30; 6:30-9:30pm

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., Fri. Jan 23; 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 Fri. Feb. 6; 10am-3:30pm

Calgary's only source for the full line of KWIK SEW patterns—now available in mail order

Fun:

Machine Appliqué from A-Z Learn appliqué techniques and how to do them on a variety of fabrics. Appliqué is not just for quilting, it can be used in so many ways. \$70 (includes kit) Wed. Feb 18 & 25; 6:30-9:30pm

More Creative Textures on Fabric The first one was so much fun that the students asked for another round of creative textures on fabric. You'll learn 2 more techniques, take home a couple quick projects and most importantly, your creative juices will be flowing. Come be inspired to try something new and then incorporate it into your next garment or home decorating project. \$40. March 5; 6:30-9:30pm

Folklore Embroidery: Use the decorative stitches on your machine to create pictures. More details to come. Fri, April 3; 10am-4pm

Even More Creative Textures on Fabric

And one more time! Discover your inner creative self as you learn another 2 techniques and make some more quick projects. Who knew that fabric can be embellished and manipulated in so many ways? \$40 June 25, 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 Wed. Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18; 6:30-9:30pm

More Quilter's Primer: pick one of the following classes to help you learn more about a variety of simple techniques and projects.

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- **Curved Piecing:** Learn to make curved, three-dimensional quilt blocks without ever sewing a curved seam! This technique produces 3-dimensional blocks without bulk and is ideal for table runners, wall hangings and even full sized quilts! Wed March 18 & 25; 6:30-9:30pm
- **Paper Piecing:** Paper or foundation piecing is really quite easy. In this class, students will begin working on Autumn Leaves, Woven Geese or a pattern of their choice. \$40 Wed March 4; 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: We'll 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. \$65 Thurs. Feb 6 & 12; 6:30-9:30pm

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. Feb 26; 6:30-9:30pm

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.

Say It Beautifully...learn to piece letters of any size. Wayne assures me that you don't need any special abilities to be able to stitch any alphabet once you learn his tricks and tips. Fri. March 20; 10am-4pm \$60

Alberta Series Trunk Show: Come and see what you can make using a variation of a 9-patch block. Wayne will have his quilt collection back from being photographed for his new book. He'll show us the great variety of blocks that can be made. \$15 Thursday, May 7; 7pm

Alberta Series Wayne will show you how to piece his variations on 9-patch blocks. Start working on a fantastic quilt. \$60 Friday, May 29; 10am - 4pm

Stash Buster Events

Join us at Needleworks on the last Friday evening of the month for a time of **stash busting**. Each month we'll have a quilt project. You'll be given a list of supplies to bring from your stash. We'll grow our stash selection by sharing with one another. The 4-6 pieces of fabric we each bring can easily grow to 12-24 different fabrics....for greater variety. Full details are on the web site. \$30 All times: 6:30-9:30pm.

Next event: Fri, Jan 30, then Feb 27, March 27, April 24, May 29 and June 26.

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).

Classes are offered

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

Watch for details of our spring camps

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