

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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The new year has arrived and with it a lot more exciting things to tell you about. Our OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING on January 2nd was a great success. It was good to see friends and students drop by and visit. We had a number of people register for classes and we also have more classes to tell you about.

I received a great Christmas gift on December 24....the sign went up above the store. Now, everyone can easily find us. We are advertising in the Country Register and just this week I made arrangements to have promotional information on display at Sir Winston Church Pool.

More fabrics and notions are on their way...I made a decision over Christmas to carry the Northcott Quilting Cottons and Island Batiks as the mainstay of the quilting fabrics. I will continue to bring in various tone on tones and small prints. I am continuing to order clothing fabrics. We have more of the Shaggy Plush Fleece on order and it may be in the store by the time you read this.

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Next on the list is to find some nice lining and lingerie fabrics. I will soon be placing an order for Sweatshirt fleece, T-Shirt knits and matching ribbing. If you are interested in a particular colour, let me know by the end of January and I'll try my best to order it for you. If left up to me only, I would order Navy, dark blue, light blue..... Allison

Hours of Operation
Mon & Tues: 1-6pm
Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm

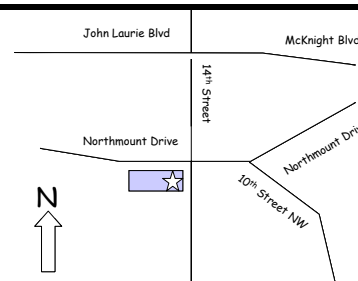
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Excite: I just love to introduce people to sewing! I had a little home schooled girl recently started her class with a fleece scarf. We didn't sew a stitch, but she was so excited to be taking sewing lessons! Next class we will start sewing on a pair of mitts and a hat. I have also had adults in class who were sure they were in over their heads as we started the project. They left with a bit of homework and great excitement about the next class and completing their project. I just love it when I have an "I can't" in class who turns into an "I CAN"!

Inform: I have made arrangements to carry the Sew-News magazine and their companion Sew Simple magazine. I am also carrying the new Canadian "A Needle Pulling Thread" magazine. This magazine has been published to highlight Canadian needle arts and artists. If the following issues are as good as the premier issue, I know this will be a hit in Canada! I am on a automatic order for 6 copies for all these magazines, but will increase that if we sell out quickly. Let us know if you want us to reserve one for you. Some customers have asked me to carry other magazines...I am looking into the Australian Stitches and Threads magazines and a couple of Quilting magazines. I will let you know what we will have on hand.

Educate: Our goal at Needleworks is to teach you something every time you visit. It may be something as simple as showing how to use a new product, or more involved like a sewing technique. We want to be your "answer" place. Don't hesitate to come to us with any questions.

Classes: Needleworks' mission is to teach needlecrafts and supply the materials needed for those classes....We have a variety of classes for those who want to learn in a structured way and for those who want to sew in a more relaxed environment. Teachers are invited to contact us with class ideas.



You can find us at the south west corner of Northmount Drive and 14th Street NW

We are trying to schedule classes no more than 2 months in advance so that we can remain flexible and meet the needs of our students. Classes proceeded with an * have been changed in some way or are new.

***Open Classroom:** We have had requests for a time when students and customers can come into the store and work on a project of their choice and rely on the instructor for help and advice. We have set aside Tuesday afternoons and evenings from 1-9pm as a trial on Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14. \$4 per hour. Please call ahead to pre-register.

***Kids Learn to Sew—Bag:** a great beginning for learning how to use a sewing machine and the tools of successful sewing. Make a tote bag to carry your sewing supplies. Sat. Jan 28, Feb 4; 1-3pm \$40 (fabric kit included).

***Kids Sew After School** (we have requests for weekday classes, so are scheduling these instead of the Saturday classes). Choose a project and work with the instructor for 4 weeks. Some suggestions are Denim Tote Bag, Hoodie, Quilt, Fleece Hat Mitts and Scarf. Mon. February 6, 13, 20, 27; 4:30-6pm \$45.

***Draft Your Own Pants:** Learn how easy it is to draft your own pattern for a pair of pants that FIT you! Thurs. February 9, 16, 23, March 2; 1:30-4:30pm \$85.

***Designer Skirt:** In three lessons students will learn to draft a simple skirt pattern and make alterations for skirt length, trim and personal flair. Students will be encouraged to sew at least one skirt. Wed Feb 1, 8, 15; 2-5pm \$65.

***Sewing for your Children:** Choose a project and under the guidance of the instructor, sew for your child or grandchild. Mon. February 13, 20, 27; 7-10pm \$65.

Cardigan: A great, quick and easy piece to put together with lots of ideas for appliquéing. Make it out of Kasha Lining, Knits or fleece. Thurs. January 19; 2-5pm \$25.

Jean Jacket: Looking for something to do with all your old jeans? Come learn a quick and easy traditional jean jacket or vest with pockets, zipper or snaps. Use new denim too! Thurs. March 23, 30; 6-9pm \$45.

Awesome Jacket: This is great in fleece, wool or twill. No side seams provide a great base for appliques or free motion stitching. Thurs. January 26, February 2; 10am-1pm \$45.

Urban Bag: A smart bag with inside pockets that you can decorate with fabric, threads or the new foiling technique. Thurs. February 9; 10am-1pm \$25.

Serger 1: Learn how to use a serger properly and with confidence. Learn how to thread from scratch and adjust for perfect tension. A great class for those just starting or who need a refresher in their serging skills. We have sergers available for rent if you haven't purchased one yet.

- Mon. January 23, 30, February 6; 1-4pm \$85 (fabric kit included).
- *Thur. February 23, March 2, 9; 6-9pm \$85 (fabric kit included).

***Tulip Bells Table Runner:** Stitch a 3 dimensional table runner with some quick and easy techniques. Wed February 8 & 22; 10am-1pm \$45.

Join our Birthday Club:

Send us information on your birth month and we'll send you a gift. We'll need your snail mail address.

Hand Dyed Fabric: Explore the basics of hand dyeing fabric in these evening workshops. Cost includes all fabrics and dyes. Fridays 7-9pm.

- **Colour Wheel:** Create a 12-step colour wheel of hand dyed Fat Quarters. January 27 \$60.
- **Colour Gradation:** Dye a 3-step, 5-step and 8-step colour gradation from dark to light. February 24 \$80.
- **Textures:** Learn techniques to turn plain fabric into exciting colored textures. March 31 \$50.

***1-2-3 Quilt:** A quick and easy beginner quilting class. In three lessons, learn to cut and sew a block, sew the blocks together for a quilt top, layer and quilt it and finish with super binding!

Mon. January 23, 30, February 6; 6:30-9:30pm \$65

***Triumphant Triangles:** Learn how to master the often imitating Half Square Triangle. Students will work on two methods of HST while making a couple of blocks. Thurs. February 2; 6-9pm \$25

Quilter's Primer Two !: A 6-month exploration of more intermediate and advanced piecing techniques; curves, set-in seams, templates. 3rd Friday of the month beginning January 20; 6-9pm \$126.

***Stained Glass:** Learn the all time easiest method of creating stunning stained glass quilts. Mon March 6, 13; 6:30-9:30pm \$55 (including pattern).

Free Motion Quilting: Learn how easy it is to achieve perfect tension and stitch length while creating some beautiful fill stitches for your next quilt. Wed March 1, 8; 10am-1pm \$45.

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Learn how to quilt feathers and feather wreaths free hand without any marking on the quilt. Tues February 21, 6-9pm \$25.

Free Motion Quilting—Trapunto: Students will work on a small wall hanging as they learn to produce the raised surface for a 3 dimensional quilt. Tues February 28, 6-9pm \$25.

***Tech Class: Bleaching & Foiling:** Join us as we explore the fun and creative uses of bleach and foil papers to embellish fabrics. Fri February 10; 1-4pm \$40 (all materials included).

***Rough Edge Appliqué:** Make the top of a one-of-a-kind scenic wall hanging with mountains, lake, forest and fence. Incorporate embellishments and free motion embroidery. Sat February 18; 10am-4pm \$45 plus kit.

***Postcards:** Learn to make postcards that can be mailed to your friends around the world. Sat February 25; 10am-4pm \$45 plus kit.

Woven Table Runner: Learn how to weave tubes of fabric to make this stunning reversible table runner to match TWO different decors! Tues March 7; 10am-6pm \$70 (pattern included).

Home School Classes: Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Fridays. Check out the web page for full details. www.needleworks.org

Photo Transfer: Preserving memories on cloth, creating your own fabric, making keepsake gifts...these are a few of the things we'll show you during coffee and goodies. Tues. March 7; 6:30-8:30pm \$10.

Clubs: Needleworks offers sewing and quilting clubs. Register for 1 class or for all and learn some valuable sewing and quilting techniques.

- **Bag-A-Month:** Learn to sew a quilted Sewer's Tool Roll. Wed February 15; 6-9pm \$25.
- **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? Then this is the class/club for you. In 4 months 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. 4th Wednesday of the month starting January 25; 2-5pm or 6-9pm \$25 per class or \$85 for all 4 classes.

Needleworks Class Registration Policies

- * GST is added to the cost of all classes.
- * Full Payment is required at the time of registration. **No names** will be written on the class list without full payment.
- * There are no refunds on class registrations. You are welcome to send a friend in your place if you cannot attend.
- * Classes require a minimum enrollment and may be cancelled if the minimum has not been met 1 week before the start of class. Students will be notified of class cancellations.
- * If a class is cancelled, students will receive a full refund or store credit.
- * A supply list will be given out 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. Needleworks is committed to providing quality instruction and quality products. Purchasing your class supplies at Needleworks helps us to provide quality materials and help assure a successful project.
- * Plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that you can be relaxed and ready to start on time. Classes start on time and end on time!
- * Students are asked to be considerate of other students in the classroom and not wear perfumes or use their cell phone during class time.

Quilters' Fat Quarters - Buy 4 get 5

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