

NeedleNews

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I am off to a quilting retreat this weekend...I look forward to this time each year as the beginning of summer. The weather is usually quite nice up at Sylvan Lake and we have lots of classes, activities and trips to town for Ice Cream. So, it is with some difficulty that I write this NeedleNews to give you all the information about summer classes....I should be doing it next week, but want to keep to the 15th of each month to send out the newsletter.

Allison

Needleworks' 1st Annual

Swap & Shop

Was a huge success! Thank you so much for your support and participation. Watch for dates for our next one.

Excite: Our first ever **Swap & Shop** was great. I was able to write a cheque for \$120 to send to Neighbourlink. A number of people have asked when the next Swap & Shop is scheduled. I am thinking of an event in the early fall....Let me know if you would be interested in participating in the fall and we'll schedule one based on customer feedback. We will definitely have a Swap & Shop on the 1st Saturday in June 2007.

Inform: The next issue of A Needle Pulling Thread should be in the store in the next few weeks. I have a number of copies pre-ordered and have increased my shipment. If you would like me to hold one for you,

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just call the store. For those of you who haven't seen this magazine, it is an all Canadian Needlework magazine. There are articles about sewing, quilting, rug hooking, beading, knitting and crocheting, etc. It is a wonderful read each month. We also carry Sew News magazine and their sister publication, Sew Simple. The latest issue of Sew News just arrived. There is lots of really good information between the covers of all these magazines.

Educate: We have a full summer planned with a great variety of classes. Many of the summer classes are scheduled for the afternoon and evenings so that you can get a round of golf or some gardening done in the morning. Have a look at what we are offering. Make suggestions for classes you would like to take.

Save paper and postage: give us your email address and we'll add your to our electronic mailing list.

Classes: We have been playing with the format for the classes in this brochure. Because our focus is to offer a variety of classes in a number of different areas we are going to list them in these categories...Sewing, Fun, Serging, Quilting and Kids. Our classes are designed for a lot of individual instruction so that anyone should be able to take almost any class..we encourage you to think about learning something new over the summer or begin now to plan for the fall.

In an effort to keep our class schedule as flexible as possible, we ask that you register for classes early. If we schedule a class and no one shows any interest, we usually replace it with something else. Invariably, we get a call from someone who wants to register for the cancelled class...so register early to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget that you and a group of friends can set up your own class. Rent the classroom outright, or book a class with one of our instructors and set your own times and dates. If there is a class that you are interested in, please let us know the best time and day for you. We will do our best to accommodate you.

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

Sewing:

Fun Fridays: Take advantage of this time set aside to work on a sewing project. There will be an instructor available to help you with any pattern, cutting, sewing, etc questions you may have. Want to start a new project, but just don't know where to begin? This is the time to come and work and learn a few new things. Book ahead for only \$5 per hour. Did you know that you can book anytime other than Friday's if we have no class running? Call ahead and come in for "private" lessons.

Draft A Skirt: In this class, students will learn how to draft their own skirt pattern and then make changes for personal design. This class is for beginners and more advanced sewers alike. A project like this is an introduction to more advanced drafting and pattern design. Thurs, Aug 3; 3-9pm \$45

Fun

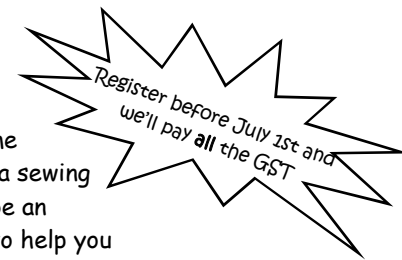
Twin Needles: Twin needles can be used in so many different ways. Learn how to use them and create a variety of different effects. This is a fun—play class to learn and experiment. Friday, August 4; 1-4pm \$25

Sewing Machine Carry Bag: A bag sturdy enough to carry your machine to class with lots of zippered pockets. Pattern can be modified to fit sergers. Wed. Aug 9; 1-8pm \$65 (includes pattern and zipper kit)

Baggin' It: Use a variety of embellishing techniques to make this great handbag. Make one for yourself and one for a friend....students will begin with a basic bag to learn the pattern and then get a good start on a 2nd bag with lots of opportunity to embellish. Thurs, July 20, 10am-4pm \$65

Quilting:

1-2-3 Quilting: Three classes and three steps to a beautiful quilt. Learn how to cut and sew the top; layer and quilt; and bind the quilt. This is a great beginner quilt. Chose from 3 different designs. Thurs. July 6, 13, 20; 6-9pm \$65



Kids Sewing Classes

All levels of sewers are welcome. Students work at their own pace on projects of their choice. We help to direct them in their choices of project based on their levels of experience.

- **Kids Summer Sew and Quilt Camps:** Join us for a fun week of sewing and quilting.
 - 7-10 years old \$70; 10am—noon.
 - 11 years and older. \$100, 1-4pm
- **Sewing:** beginners start with a tote bag to teach the basics and then move on to a variety of different projects.
 - July 10-14 -sewing
 - August 14-18 -sewing
- **Quilting:** chose from 3 different quilts. All quilts will teach the basics of cutting, sewing and finishing the quilt.
 - July 24-28 -quilting
 - August 21-25 -quilting
- **Kids Sew After School:** Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. Mon. 4:30-6:00pm \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks. We will continue again in September.
- **Kids Saturday Sew:** Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons. Saturday classes will begin again in September.
- **Home School Classes:** Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings at 9am. Check out the web page for full details. www.needleworks.org

Junk Yard Quilting: One quilter's trash is another's scrap stash. Learn how to use up every last scrap of fabric. Brenda, the junk yard queen will teach you about value, texture and colour in scrap quilting as well as sorting and storing scraps. Wed & Thurs. July 26 & 27; 6-9pm \$65

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. Students will also learn how to use templates and transfer the patterns to the quilt top. Mon. Aug 7 & 14; 6-9pm \$45

Free Motion Quilting—Feathers: Continue what you have learned in beginner levels of Free Motion Quilting. Learn how to stitch feathers and feather wreaths freehand with minimal marking on the quilt.

- Tues. June 27; 6-9pm \$25
- Tues. Aug 22; 6-9pm \$25

Free Motion Quilting—Trapunto: 3-dimensional quilting adds great interest to quilts. Learn all the tricks and tips. Mon. July 10; 6-9pm \$25

Seasonal Table Runner: These table runners are a treat to make in any fabric. Pick a theme, chose the fabric and your more than half way done. Wed, July 19; 2-8:30pm \$45

Alpha-Banners: Stitch up a small quilt to celebrate the summer. Machine Appliqué is quick and easy—learn how. Pattern included. Tues. June 27; 2-5pm \$30

Stained Glass: Make your own bias in this quick and easy method for creating stunning stained glass quilts. Wed. July 12, 6-9pm \$25

Borders: Learn how to measure and sew straight edge and mitered borders so your quilts will lay completely flat. Mon. July 24; 6-9pm \$25

Binding: A smooth and full binding makes a beautiful finish to any quilting project. Learn simple steps to perfect binding. Mon. July 31; 6-9pm \$25

Rough Edge Appliqué Wallhanging: Use the rough edge appliqué method to stitch a striking wall hanging. Tues. August 8; 1-8pm. \$65

Rough Edge Vest: Use the rough edge appliqué method to embellish a vest. This class is in two parts. Part one: embellish the vest fabric. Part two: sew the vest. Tues. July 4; 1-8pm & July 11; 6-9pm. \$100 (fabric kit and pattern included)

Dresden Delight: Start your Christmas sewing early. These quick to make table runners are sure to be a hit. Learn how to make templates for speedy cutting. Tues. July 18; 2-8:30pm \$50 (includes pattern)

Thread Painting: Learn how to use your machine to paint beautiful pictures or embellish your clothing or quilting projects. Mon. July 17, 1-8pm \$50

Foundation Piecing: Paper or foundation piecing is really quite easy. Get a start on some Christmas gift giving with this easy pattern for a wallhanging or table runner. Tues. July 25; 6-9pm \$25.

9-Patch Jacket: 9-Patch Blocks are super simple to make. Make four small quilts and sew them into a beautiful jacket. Fri 6-9 & Sat 10am-2pm July 14 & 15 & Aug 11 & 12 \$90 (pattern included)

Serqing:

Serger Basics: This is a shortened version of our beginner serger class. In 3 hours you will review threading and learn the full variety of stitches your serger can do. We have sergers available for rent if you haven't purchased one yet.

- Wed. July 5; 6-9pm \$25
- Thurs. August 10; 6-9pm \$25

Cover Hem: Stitch a fleece or denim vest and learn to use the cover hem and chain stitch features on your serger. We have one machine available for rent if you don't yet own a serger with cover hem. Wed. Aug 2, 3-9pm \$45.

Broomstick Skirt: A serger makes gathering the tiers of this skirt quick and easy. Make one in time for Stampede. Monday, July 26; 6:30-9:30pm \$25

Serger Sweatshirt: Use your serger and a few quick trips to cut and sew a sweatshirt or T-Shirt with only 2 pattern pieces. July 31; 2-5pm \$25

Needleworks Class Registration Policies

- * Full Payment is required at the time of registration. GST is added to the cost of all classes.
- * Students will receive a full refund or store credit if classes are cancelled due to insufficient registration.
- * A supply list will be given 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.
- * Classes start on time and end on time! Plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that you can be relaxed and ready to start 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.