

# NeedleNews

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Where has the time gone? Summer is half over and we are planning for the fall. I am excited about the plans we have for fall classes and activities..

No, you did not miss the July issue of Needlenews. We didn't publish one, simply because I got too busy and decided to do the August issue a little earlier so that it got to you in plenty of time for fall planning.

We are making plans for our 1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. Circle November 7-11 for some celebration specials. We will highlight all the details in the upcoming issues of NeedleNews.

**Inform:** Due to low sales, I am going to discontinue carrying the Sew News magazines. These magazines are available at most grocery stores and Chapters book stores. I am looking into the Australian Stitches magazine as well as the Burda sewing magazines. Give me a call and let me know which of these you would prefer me to carry. I just love the Stitches magazine because every issue is full of great ideas and sewing techniques. I have often used their information in my own classes when I teach. .

**Educate:** *Twin Needles:* A plastic bar connects two sewing machine needles to a single needle shank. Twin needles come in a variety of sizes and distances between the needles. Depending on the effect, you may want your needles spaced close together, or further apart. There are two sets of numbers on a twin needle packet. For example 2.5/80 indicates that the points of the needles are 2.5mm apart and the needle size is 80. Needles that are spaced closer (1.6-2.0) are ideal for pin tucks on fine fabrics. They

are also excellent for using the decorative stitches on your sewing machine. Needles that are spaced further apart (3-6mm) are good for heavier fabrics with little decorative stitch width. When using Twin Needles with any kind of stitch width, make sure that you can safely stitch without the needle hitting the needle plate. The most practical use of twin needles is on knits. Finish the raw edge of your hem and turn up 1". Use Twin Needles spaced 3.5-4mm apart and top stitch the hem. The result is a nice hemmed T-shirt that gives you a nicely finished hem..

## Win a free class!

Enter to win free class registration when you get a friend to take a class with you...have your friend tell us that you encouraged her to take the class and we'll put your name in for the draw.

Draw Date: September 16, 2006

**Classes:** Our Classes are listed in the following categories to help you find them easier. Our classes are designed for a lot of individual instruction so that anyone should be able to take almost any class we offer.

- **Sewing:** classes for beginners and more advanced sewers wanting to make clothes for themselves and their family.
- **Fun:** classes for projects other than clothing.
- **Serging:** classes to teach and encourage you to make the most of your serger.
- **Quilting:** all levels and types of quilting classes
- **Kids:** sewing and quilting classes designed for children 7-14 years old. Older children are encouraged to participate in the adult classes.

*Come let us teach and inspire your creative side.*

During the summer we had phone calls from students who wanted to register for a class either the day before or the day that class was scheduled to start... unfortunately, we had already re-scheduled the class or had cancelled it due to insufficient registration. Please register early to avoid disappointment so that we can make sure classes run as scheduled. Don't forget that if you are interested in a class and the



dates or time aren't convenient for you, call us and help us to schedule the class again at more convenient times. Students are also encouraged to purchase their supplies at Needleworks. We offer a 10% class discount on any purchases for class.

## Sewing:

**Fun Fridays:** Take advantage of this time set aside to work on a sewing project. Instructors are available to help you with any pattern, cutting, sewing, etc questions you may have. 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.

**Adult Learn to Sew:** This beginner class is for those who haven't sewn before or who haven't sewn for a long time. Students will make two projects: a tote bag and a pullover top. \$85 Mon Sept. 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 2; 6:30-9:30pm.

**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. Most students will have opportunity to sew the skirt. \$45 Thurs Oct. 5 & 12; 6-9pm

**Everyday Jacket:** A great jacket...sweater...shirt to wear with everything, everyday. Easy construction techniques makes this a hit. \$45 Mon Oct. 16 & 23; 6:30-9:30pm

**Pants:** Draft your own pant pattern. This class will teach you how to measure accurately and draft for a well fitting pair of pants. Students should get a good start on a pair of pants. Tues Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10; 6-9pm

We are thrilled to be able to offer sewing classes for plus sizes. Fitting for the plus size sewer is not that challenging or frustrating once you know how. **Hermine Duby** will give you lots of good tips and ideas for sewing and dressing plus size.

**Plus Shirt:** It's a basic white shirt with a twist. Come & embellish your basic shirt with beautiful Battenberg lace & make it WOW! \$65. Wed. Sept. 13, 20, 27; 1:30-4:30pm

**Plus Dress:** Dresses are hard to fit & find, so come adjust a basic dress pattern that will give you that good fit. \$45. Tues. Oct. 17, 24; 6-9pm

**Plus Pants:** Ever have your pants too short in the back with all that extra in the front, or too wide in the leg & not enough hip room? We'll show you how to make a basic pant to fit your body shape. \$65. Tues. Nov. 7, 14, 21; 6-9pm

**Plus Fleece:** With those cool fall days fast approaching sew a toasty fleece top to keep you warm. Fast & easy & made to fit you right. \$45. Wed. Oct 4 & 11; 6-9pm

**Plus Jean Jacket:** You thought Jean Jackets were only for stampede? Come join us and make a jean jacket out of fancy fabrics and embellishments. You can wear your great jacket for all the upcoming festive occasions. \$85. Wed. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22; 1-4pm

## Fun

**Chenille Scarf:** Make your own chenille for this great fashion accessory. We will also look at other ways that chenille can be used. \$25 Tues. September 26; 1-4pm

**Wallet:** Everyone needs and uses wallets. Stitch one up to hold your credit cards, coins and paper money. \$50 (includes pattern) Tues. Sept. 12 & 19; 1-4pm.

**Organizer Tote:** Have you ever dreamed of that perfect tote or purse that would hold your life's daily treasure & be washable. It's no dream! have created a pattern for the perfect washable tote. Great for travel, office or anywhere life may take you. \$45 Wed Oct. 18 & 25; 6-9pm

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**Baggin' It:** A bit of fabric, some basic techniques and lots of ideas will have you sewing up bags for every day of the week! Students will be shown how to piece, scrunch and/or use decorative stitches to embellish their bag. \$30 Tues Sept. 5; 1-5pm

### Quilting:

**Quilter's Primer:** This class is a primer for all who want to learn to make quilts. This class is designed to teach the basic skills properly. Learn to use rotary cutters, sew with an accurate 1/4" seam allowance, and press without stretching the fabric. Learn to quilt with a walking foot. \$120 (includes book) Mon Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30-9:30pm

**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. \$65 (includes kit) Thurs. October 19 & 26; 6-9pm

**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. \$45

- Mon Aug. 14 & 21; 6-9pm
- Thurs Nov. 16; 23; 6-9pm

**Seasonal Table Runner:** These table runners are a treat to make in any fabric. Pick a theme, chose the fabric and you're more than half way done. \$30 Sat Sept. 16; 2-6pm

**Alpha Banners:** Stitch up a small wall quilt for gift giving or your own walls. Machine Appliqué is quick and easy—learn how. Pattern included. \$35 Sat Sept. 23; 2-6pm

**Christmas Bells Table Runner:** Simple piecing, folding and sewing techniques make this three dimensional runner exciting in any colour scheme. This is a great project for Christmas decorating or gift giving. \$45 Thursday, October 5 & 12; 1-4pm

**Stained Glass:** Learn the all time easiest method of creating stunning stained glass quilts. Students will learn how easy it is to cut, press and apply bias tape to complete any stained glass design. \$45 Wed. Sept 20, 26; 10am-1pm

**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. \$25 Tues Oct 3; 2-5pm

**Shirley Paterson** is a local Fiber artist with a background in watercolor, oils, stained glass and silversmithing - She taught art to Seniors through Parks and Recreation in Calgary for 25 years. She has spent the last 8 years doing fiberart wall hangings- starting out with painted panels and has now developed her work by using rough edged appliqué, using glue sticks- embellishing with thread painting . She loves to teach - and her classes are relaxed and fun.

**Rough Edge Appliqué:** Use the rough edge appliqué method to stitch a striking wall hanging. \$65 (fabric kit included) Sat Oct. 14; 11am-5pm

**Design a Landscape:** Start with a picture and learn how to transfer the design onto fabric. Students will learn how to enlarge and draw a pattern for a landscape quilt. \$30 Thurs Sept. 21; 1-5pm

**Thread Painting:** Learn how to use your machine to paint beautiful pictures or embellish your clothing or quilting projects. \$45 Thurs Sept. 28; 10am-4pm

**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. \$100 (fabric kit and pattern included). Mon Oct. 16 & 23; 1-4pm

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

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

### Serging:

**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. \$25

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

**Beginner Serger:** This class is for those who know very little about their sergers. This class is set at a slow pace 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. \$65 Tues Oct. 10, 17, 24; 2-5pm

**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 16, 3-9pm \$45.

**Serger Sweatshirt:** Use your serger and a few quick trips to cut and sew a sweatshirt or T-Shirt with only 2 pattern pieces. \$25 Thurs Sept. 21; 6-9pm

#### **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.

## **Kids Sewing Classes**

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

**Kids Summer Sew and Quilt Camps:** There are spaces left in the remaining camps. Call now to register.

- **Sewing:** beginners start with a tote bag to teach the basics and then move on to a variety of different projects.
  - August 14-18 -sewing
    - 7-10 years old \$70; 10am—noon.
    - 11 years and older. \$100, 1-4pm
- **Quilting:** chose from 3 different quilts. All quilts will teach the basics of cutting, sewing and finishing the quilt.
  - August 21-25 -quilting
    - 11 years and older. \$100, 1-4pm
  - August 28-September 1;
    - 7-10 years old \$70; 10am-noon

**Kids Sew After School:** Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. Mon. 4:30-6:00pm \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks. Classes start September 11.

**Kids Saturday Sew:** Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons.

- September 9, 16, 23; 9-11am
- October 14, 21, 28; 9-11am
- November 4, 11, 18; 9-11am
- December 2, 9, 16; 9-11am

**Home School Classes:** Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings. Classes begin Friday, September 8. Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. \$45 Check out the web page for full details. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

- 11 years and older: 9-10:30am
- 7-10 years old: 10:45am—12:15pm