

# NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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We have had a super response to our **Monthly Projects** in February. The March projects will be available March 1st. Don't forget to show us that you have completed the project before the end of the month and you will receive a coupon for 30% off the purchase of any other monthly project kit. We will make sure that we have kits available until the 7th of each month. Any remaining kits will still be available for sale, but fabric choices and kit availability cannot be guaranteed.

**Inform:** The inaugural meeting of Alberta Handicrafts Guild evening group was a great success. The ladies came, worked on their projects and visited. Joan is the contact and you can check our web page or contact the store for more information. The group meets the first Thursday evening of every month 6-9pm. The next meeting is March 1 and anyone who is interested in quilting, any needlework, rug hooking or weaving is welcome to attend.

**Excite:** *Kwik Sew* patterns are celebrating 40 years. To help them celebrate we are going to offer some specials each month. Starting March 1st, check our display near the cash desk for "special" patterns. If you haven't tried a Kwik Sew pattern yet, you are missing a great sewing opportunity. We feature Kwik Sew patterns in many of our classes. The patterns are multi-sized with colour coded lines on a durable white paper. They provide great step-by-step written and illustrated instructions. To help Kwik Sew celebrate, any pattern purchased for a class project is only \$5 for the month of March.

## Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

Needleworks, Fabrics & Classes

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**Educate:** Our Classes are listed in the following categories to help you find them easier. Classes are designed for individual instruction so that anyone should be able to take almost any class we offer. A full listing of all classes in our schedule can be found on our web page. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

- **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.*

You will notice that some of our classes do not have dates schedule (TBA). If you are interested in one of these classes, give us a call and help us to schedule it at your convenience.

### Sewing:

**Open Classroom:** Come in any time and rent table space to work on your own projects. Only \$5 per hour or get some help or instruction from our staff for only \$10 per hour. Please call ahead for either so that we can make sure there is table space available for you.

**Adult Learn to Sew:** This beginner class is for those who haven't sewn before or who haven't sewn for a long time. This is also a great time to learn how to use your new or new to you sewing machine. Students will make two projects: a tote bag and a pullover top. \$90 Thurs. March 8, 15, 22, 29; 1-4pm

#### 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 purchasing their supplies at Needleworks will receive 10% off their purchases.
- \* Full details of the registration policy can be found on the website. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

**Sensational Shirts:** Chose a shirt pattern and fabric and we'll help you to fit the pattern and sew the shirt. This class will focus on collars, cuffs and buttonholes. This project would be perfect to pair with the Twin Needles class. \$90 Tues. April 3, 10, 17, 24; 1-4pm

**Pants:** Draft your own pant pattern. This class will teach you how to measure accurately and draft for a well fitting pair of pants. We have increased the time so that students can sew their pants in class. \$105 Thurs. April 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24; 1-4pm

**Sewing for your Children:** Work on a project for your child and learn some great tips and tricks. \$65 Thurs March 8, 15, 22; 6-9pm

**Sew with Slinky:** Slinky is that fabulous knit you that you can wear anywhere. Dress it up or wear it casual. Roll it, scrunch it, and wear it. Learn what needles, thread and stitches to use as you sew your choice of pattern. \$60 Sat March 10 & 17; 1-4:30pm

**MacPhee Workshop:** Work on a new project or take this opportunity to finish something already started. Learn some great sewing techniques for all kinds of fabrics. \$85 Tues March 27, April 3, 10, 17; 6:30-9:30pm

**Jean Jacket:** A jean jacket can be a wardrobe basic. Learn how to adjust the pattern for perfect fit and include a variety of embellishments as you sew your own jacket. \$65 Tues March 27, April 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm

### Serging:

**Serger Basics:** 3 hours is almost too little time to show you all there is to know about your serger, but we'll try! In this class the students will learn how to thread their serger with confidence, how to recognize good tension and how to adjust the machine for perfect tension. Students will also learn about the other stitches their serger can do. We also have some machines available for rental if you want to try a serger to see if you like it. \$25 Saturday, March 3; 1-4pm

**Serger Fleece Jacket:** Learn how to flatlock stitch and sew a zippered jacket almost completely on your serger. Pattern included. \$65 Mon Mar 19, 26, April 2; 6:30-9:30pm

## Fun:

**Twin Needles:** Explore the creativity of sewing with twin needles. Students will work on samples and play with a variety of stitches and embellishing techniques. \$30 (kit includes needles and thread) Mon March 5; 6:30-9:30pm

## Quilting:

**1-2-3 Quilts:** A beginner quilting class that will take you from the very beginning to the very end of a quilt. Chose from 3 different quilts, chose from 3 different sizes, learn 3 very important techniques. \$90 Tues. June 5, 12, 19, 26; 6:30-9:30pm

**Free Motion Quilting:** This class will 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. \$45

- Tues. March 20 & 27; 1-4pm
- Thurs. June 14 & 21; 6:3-9:30pm

**Free Motion Quilting—Feathers:** Learn how to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers. \$25 Mon. April 23; 6:30-9:30pm

**Machine Appliqué Sampler:** Explore a number of methods of machine appliqué, from satin stitch to blanket stitch while creating a beautiful pillow top or wall hanging. Learn about the different tools available to attach the appliqué pieces to the background fabric. Pattern included. \$45 Tues, March 6 & 13; 1-4pm

**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? 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. Students will work on 2 different block styles. \$45 Thurs April 12 & 19; 10am-1pm

**Mexican Star:** Simple piecing, folding and sewing techniques make this three dimensional wall quilt really sparkle. \$45 Wed March 21 & 28; 1-4pm

**Ribbon Geese:** Stitch a medallion quilt while learning a number of methods of stitching accurate Flying Geese blocks. Learn also how easy it is to stitch a twisted ribbon border. \$65 Mon April 2, 9, 16; 6:30-9:30pm

## Kids Sewing Classes

We are pleased to introduce a sewing certificate for our younger sewers. Children can work towards sewing certificates in a variety of different projects. Students work at their own pace on a selection of projects. See the website for more information. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

**Kids Sew After School:** Register for 4 - 1½ hour lessons. \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks. Mondays, Tuesday\*, Wednesdays or Thursdays.\* 4:30-6:00pm

\*we have discussed limiting one of these days to students 12 years or older. Let us know if you are interested in either of these days.

**Kids Saturday Sew:** Register for 3 - 2 hour lessons. \$45.

- March 10, 17, 24; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- April 14, 21, 28; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- May 5, 12, 26; 9-11am or 11am-1pm
- June 2, 9, 23; 9-11am (no 11am-1pm class for June)

**Home School Classes:** Needleworks is proud to offer sewing classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings. 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



## Sewing Plus

Let Hermina help you, inspire you and motivate you to sew something that will fit you and look good on you! The following is a list of some of the classes that Hermina teaches specifically for plus size sewers. The dates are fairly flexible and she'll help you with any project at any time.

- **Plus Jacket:** Everyone needs a basic, simple jacket. Learn about proper length and proportion as you sew this wardrobe basic. \$65
- **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. \$65
- **Plus Top:** A classic shell or top that fits you makes the difference between a so-so outfit and one that is WOW! \$45 Wed Feb 28 & March 7; 6:30-9:30pm
- **Plus Skirt:** Learn how to prevent that "too much in the front and not enough in the back" syndrome. A well fitting and well constructed skirt will look great! \$45 TBA
- **Plus Pants:** We'll show you how to make a basic pant to fit your body shape. No more sags or pulls. \$65. Wed. March 14, 21, 28; 6:30-9:30pm
- **Plus Dress:** Dresses are hard to fit & find, so come adjust a basic dress pattern that will give you that good fit for a great summer essential. \$90 Wed. April 4, 11, 18, 25; 6:30-9:30pm
- **Plus Fleece:** Fleece is the best fabric. Learn how to fit and sew something cozy and fashionable. Fast and easy and made to fit you right. TBA
- **Wardrobe Planning:** A combination of discussion and lecture on planning a wardrobe to suit your body and lifestyle. The class will discuss choosing patterns, fabrics, colours, styles and fit for all body types. \$25

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