

# NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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We have a summer packed with lots of opportunities for you to learn and sew. We have hunted far and wide for instructors to come and share their knowledge and skills with you! Book as few or as many classes as your schedule permits, and take some time for yourself to be creative this summer.

**Inform:** If you are planning a vacation this summer, why not book your sewing machine in for a spa treatment. Take your machine to a service technician for it's annual cleaning and tune-up. You'll both be happy you did. A machine that is looked after well, will last you a life time.

**Excite:** Our **KidSew** Classes are going well. When we opened our doors and started offering classes, we never dreamed that we would have so many talented young sewers in our classes. During the School Year we have children here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as well as Friday and Saturday mornings. All our children begin with a tote bag and a "quilted" binder cover. They then work their way through our sewing program. We believe in teaching skills and techniques properly and giving the children the freedom to express their individuality. Check our web site for samples of their wonderful work.

## Summer KidSew Camps

These camps for children are weeklong (Monday to Friday) for 3 hours each day (9am-12 noon). \$105 for class registration. Supplies extra. Register early. Classes limited to 6 students.:

- **Quilt Camp:** July 23-27 or August 27-31, students will make a lap size quilt from a choice of 3 different designs.
- **Sew Camp:** July 16-20 or August 20-24, Students will work on any or all choices of Kwik Sew #2480.
- **Sew Camp+:** Ages 12 and older. August 13-17, Students will work on any or all choices of Kwik Sew #2480 or another choice with the pre-approval of the instructor.

**Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday**

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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). Don't forget that our classes are flexible. Let us know if days or times don't work for you and we'll try to make arrangements for a better day or time.

- **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 & inspire your creative side.*

The summer is also the perfect time to start teaching for us at Needleworks. Come in and talk to us if you have an idea for a class and would like to share what you know with others. As Brenda said in her recent class "I am not a teacher, I am just sharing with you what I know and do".

We will create classes for groups of 3 or more. Just contact us at the store with a class suggestion and possible dates. We'll do the rest!

### Sewing:

**Sewing Plus:** Spend some time this summer on a new wardrobe. Let Hermina show you how easy it is to fit and sew for larger sized sewers. No more sloppy tops or baggy pants. Wednesdays 6-9pm. Please pre-book.

**Bra-Making 101:** Let Jane Churchman help you to fit and sew a professionally made bra that fits you perfectly. On day 2, Learn how to add designer details to your second bra. \$160 including kit for both bras. Contact the store for class dates. Sat & Sun 9am- 5pm

**Broomstick Skirt:** Create a beautiful summer skirt on a sewing machine (or serger). A simple formula will have you stitching lots of great skirts. \$25 Mon June 25; 6:30-9:30pm,

**Add-A-Strip Skirt:** Cut strips of fabric, sew them together, make a drawstring casing and you've got a great summer skirt! \$25 Tues June 19; 1-4pm

**Bog Coat:** This coat is made from a rectangle of any fabric. Learn how to fold, cut and sew for a great coat or shirt in any fabric. \$25 Tues June 26; 1-4pm

**Summer T-Shirt:** Chose a pattern and fabric for a knit top and we'll help you fit the pattern and sew the top in time for warm weather wearing. Students will use a sewing machine and/or a serger. \$45 Tues & Thurs July 11 & 13; 2-5pm

**Gore Skirt:** A gore skirt has 4 or more sections. Learn how to draft the pattern with a great variety of design elements and then sew the skirt for a one-of-a-kind special summer wardrobe essential. All fabrics can be used and as many gores can be drafted as you desire. \$45 Monday, June 4 & 11; 6:30-9:30pm

### Fun

**Photo Transfer:** We are pleased that Margaret will again come and show us how to create memories by printing photos on fabric. Learn all the ins and outs before you get started. \$25 Tues, July 24; 6-9pm

**Fabric Jewelry:** Create beautiful one-of-a-kind fashion accessories using a variety of left over fabric, threads, buttons and beads. \$35 (includes kit) Tues July 10; 2-5pm

**Summer Sewing Sampler:** this series of classes will give you lots of practice on a variety of techniques. Each class is 3 hours, \$40 (kit included)

- **Bleaching & Foiling:** Learn how to use some interesting tools and techniques to make one-of-a-kind fabrics. Monday, June 25; 6-9pm
- **Fabric Manipulation:** Learn how to use your sewing machine to create texture and fun in fabric. Mon July 9; 6-9pm
- **Cuffs:** Create beautiful plackets in shirts and jackets. Monday, July 16; 6-9pm
- **Hems:** Explore different hem finishes for your next projects. Monday, July 23; 6-9pm
- **Pockets 1:** Stitch samples of hidden and in-seam pockets. Monday July 30; 6-9pm
- **Pockets 2:** Stitch samples of patch pockets for a variety of projects. Monday August 13; 6-9pm
- **Collars:** practice stitching collars with and without stands, and play with those pesky points. Monday August 20; 6-9pm

*Swap & Shop*  
*Saturday, June 2*  
*12-5pm*

Join us on Saturday, June 2 for a craft related "garage" sale. All items priced to sell. A portion of every sale will go to Neighbourlink Calgary. Full details on the web site.

**Postcards:** Make them, mail them or keep them. These little fabric cards are easy to do and fun to make. Students will make 2 cards while learning the basics and some great tips and tricks. \$35 (kit included) Thurs, July 19; 2-5pm

**Embellishing & Blocks:** Hermina has designed a great tote bag. She has incorporated a strip pieced block. Not everyone wants to put the block on their tote, so we have come up with some options. Take one of two classes for building the block or embellishing fabric, then make a tote or reversible vest.

- **Block Building:** Make a simple strip pieced block with accurate cutting and sewing. Discuss fabric placement. \$25 Tues July 17; 2-5pm
- **Build & Embellish:** Turn strips of material and a variety of thread and stitches into a unique fabric. \$25 Tues July 24; 2-5pm
- **Zippered Tote:** Sew a tote bag with pockets and a zippered top. Roomy enough for any thing you want to take with you. \$25 Tues July 31; 2-5pm
- **Reversible Vest:** Stitch a great vest that can be swapped around at a moment's notice. \$25 Tues August 7; 2-5pm

### 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 Mon July 16; 6-9pm

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### 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 more than 3 very important quilting techniques as you make a beautiful quilt. \$90

- Tues. June 5, 12, 19, 26; 6:30-9:30pm
- Wed, June 6, 13, 20, 27; 1-4pm

**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 Thurs. June 14 & 21; 6:3-9:30pm

**Free Motion Quilting, Feathers:** Learn how easy it is to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers. \$25 Thurs July 5; 6-9pm

**9-Patch Jacket:** Play with simple 9-patch blocks and create a stunning jacket to highlight a favourite fabric. \$75 Monday June 18, July 23, August 20; 6-9pm

**Dance of the Dragonflies:** Stitch a small wallhanging or start a larger quilt. Carol will show you how easy it is to sew 3 dimensional curved pieces and create dragonflies really do dance! \$25 Thurs July 12; 2-5pm

**Pinwheel Sisters:** Draft and sew two blocks at once. Joan loved this block, but not the size. She has worked out how to sew blocks from 2' to 13" with just 2 fabrics. \$25 Thurs July 19; 6-9pm

**Beautiful Borders:** Learn how to measure, cut and sew borders for quilts that will lay perfectly flat. We will put borders on orphan blocks or placemats while learning some very valuable skills. \$25 Monday July 30; 6-9pm

**Bound to Succeed:** A beautiful quilt needs well sewn binding. Learn how to bind with folded and mitered binding as well as add piping for a striking effect. Students will also learn how to sew the binding with an invisible stitch. \$25 Monday August 13; 6-9pm

**Rough Edge Appliqué:** Stitch this quiet spot beside a beautiful stream and gaze at the lovely mountains and wild flowers. Shirley will show you how! \$.60 Friday, August 10, 10am-4pm

**Thread Painting: Chickadees:** Learn the basics of thread painting. Shirley will help you step-by-step as you learn how to create beautiful chickadees on a pine tree branch. This is really a very easy course. No fancy machine needed. \$45 Friday, July 6; 10am-4pm

**Thread Painting: Advanced:** Create a beautiful scene using rough edge appliqué and thread painting. This cabin in a mountain meadow is a treat to stitch. \$45 Friday August 24; 1-6pm

**Reversible Quilts:** Let Carol show you how easy it is to quilt block by block and sew blocks together with no raw edges showing. Reversible quilts can be planned or scrappy. Get a start on using up some orphan blocks in this class. \$25 Thurs August 9, 2-5pm

**Scraps, Scraps, Scraps:** We all have lots of those. In the following two classes Brenda will give you some really good ideas on how to use up those leftover bits and pieces.

- **String X:** Learn how to use small scraps and a plain fabric to make a very simple but eye catching quilt. \$25 Wed July 18; 2-5pm
- **Strip Twist:** Use scraps of fabric to create blocks with lots of movement. \$25 Thurs August 16; 2-5pm

**Summer Sampler Quilt:** Join us for all or part of our SSQ this summer. There are so many different quilt blocks available to quilters. Unfortunately, many block instructions only come in one size. In these classes, students will learn how to draft and sew a variety of quilt blocks in any size desired. Register for a few or all of the block workshops. \$25 each class. All classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings 6-9pm.

- **4-Patch Triangles:** Half Square Triangles only look good when they have been sewn properly. Learn how to draft, sew and trim for perfect triangles. July 4.
- **Pinwheels:** Learn how to make Half Square Triangles into perfect Quarter Square Triangles. July 11
- **8-Pointed Stars:** Diamonds and set-in seams are not at all difficult once you know a few of the tricks. Learn how to draft any size block and keep the center seam perfectly flat. July 18
- **Fly Away Birdie:** Learn how to stitch accurate Flying Geese using two different sewing methods. July 25
- **Machine Appliqué:** Learn how to fuse and machine stitch appliqués onto a background fabric. Students will learn how to use their zig zag stitch while they design and sew their own blocks. August 1
- **Invisible Machine Appliqué:** Learn how to use thread and different stitches to machine sew invisibly. August 8
- **Templates:** Sewing fussy shaped pieces can be intimidating. But drafting your own cutting templates makes sewing a dream. August 15
- **Curves:** No exercises here. Learn how to piece curved blocks with a few quick tricks. August 22
- **Foundation Piecing:** Learn how to stitch blocks that are very simple or very complicated. There are a lot of different methods, but some are easier than others. We think ours is easiest. August 29

#### 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 registration policy can be found on the website. [www.needleworks.org](http://www.needleworks.org)

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