

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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As we get our minds focused on the new fall schedule and planning our families' activities, I know many of us feel overwhelmed. We have intentionally kept the September schedule a little light so that we can all take a rest from our busy summer. We will schedule more classes as interests dictate for the later fall months. If you see something listed on our website or can suggest a class that we can offer, please contact us and tell us what you are interested in. We would be happy to try to include it in our class schedule in the coming months.

We are changing our class policies a little bit by encouraging students to purchase their supplies at Needleworks as often as possible. Although, we try to provide the materials and notions for each of our classes, some we cannot provide and will happily suggest other retailers. Your class fees pay for the instructor. They do not cover our regular bills, such as rent and utilities. By purchasing your supplies at Needleworks, we can continue to offer our classes at reasonable rates and still have great instructors!

Inform: We are now carrying the Burda World of Fashion Magazine. A number of customers have been requesting this magazine for a while and I thought that I would order them and see how things go. I have never really sewn with Burda patterns or sewn anything from the Burda magazines before. I have now and I am impressed! I chose a pattern from the July magazine and measured myself and just sewed it up. It fits well and although there were no illustrations in the instructions, I did ok. Each magazine has over 30 patterns on colour printed inserts. One thing to keep in mind is that Burda magazines do not include the seam allowance in their patterns so they need to be added when you cut the fabric.

Excite: We have had a great summer with our KidSew and KidsQuilt camps. This past week we had a quilt camp and after an hour of demonstration and practice, they were all using rotary cutters on their own. Our youngest, 10 year olds, did as well as the older 12 and 13 year olds. We have 10 kids classes scheduled each week this year....that's 60 children sewing on a weekly basis! I guess you could say we are a little **excited!**

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. 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 that include clothing and other techniques.
- **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.

Sewing:

Adult Beginner Sewing: 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. \$85 Monday September 24, October 1, 15, 22; 6:30-9:30pm

Perfect Fit Blouse: Learn how to alter the bust darts or seams on a blouse so that you *will* want to wear it and make it again. Our Palmer Pletsch instructor will show you how. \$65 Thurs Nov 15, 22, 29; 7-10pm

Pant Drafting: 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 Monday November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm

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 wardrobe essential. All fabrics can be used and as many gores can be drafted as you desire. \$45 Thurs Oct 25 & Nov 1; 7-10pm

Bog Coat: Start with a rectangle of fabric and end up with a great coat or jacket. Students will learn how to measure, cut and sew this jacket. They will also have opportunity to use a variety of methods of embellishing their coats. \$45 Tues Nov 13 & 20; 6:30-9:30pm

Sewing Plus: The first 2 Wednesday evenings of each month have been set aside for sewers who want to sew for themselves. We call it Sewing Plus....but not only for larger sizes, we also include added (plus) features. Get some one-on-one help for a fitting problem. Get inspiration for a new project or a way to make your next outfit shine. The instructor will be available to guide you in your fall sewing projects. \$45 Wed 6:30-9:30pm

- Sept 5 & 12: open class to work on any project
- Oct 3 & 10: Work on a Reversible Jacket
- Nov 7 & 14: Stitch a skirt for the holidays
- Dec 5 & 12: Stitch a flattering top

Fun:

Cloning 101: Do you have a favorite garment that fits you like a dream? In this class, you will learn how to copy ready-to wear, without having to cut it apart to make the pattern pieces. This is both a demonstration and hands on class. \$25 Monday September 17; 6:30-9:30pm

20 Designer Sewing Tips: Learn from a Palmer-Pletsch instructor as she presents these tips that will change your sewing dramatically for a more professional look to all your sewing projects. \$25 Wed Oct 24; 6:30-9:30pm

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

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Monthly Projects

The September projects are now ready. The table runner uses one of many methods of stitching Flying Geese and has detailed instructions for perfect binding. The bag is a simple Satchel with a flap that is perfect for embellishing. Add more pockets for a personalized purse or tote. The projects can be seen on the web page.

Wardrobe Planning: Tired of standing in a closet full of clothes and not finding a thing to wear? Let us help. This workshop will give you lots of ideas for planning your fall and winter wardrobe and choosing the right projects to sew. \$25 Wed Oct 17; 6:30-9:30pm

Belly Dance Costume: The costume makes the dance! Learn how to make your own two-piece set with an experienced costumer. All levels of sewers are welcome. \$65 Tues Nov 13, 20, 27; 6:30-9:30pm

Serqing:

Beginner Serger: This class is for those who know very little about their sergers. Paced 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, Sept 11, 18, 25; 6:30-9:30pm

Quilting:

Quilters Primer: This beginner class for all everyone who wants to learn to make quilts. Students will stitch 6 different blocks; join the blocks with sashing and borders; learn to quilt and add a binding. This class is designed to teach the basic skills properly. \$130 (includes book) Tue, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 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 Wed, Sept 19 & 26; 6:3-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting - Feathers: Learn how to stitch beautiful feathers with no marking on the quilt. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers. \$25 Mon Oct 29; 6:30-9:30pm

9-Patch Jacket: Play with simple 9-patch blocks and create a stunning jacket to highlight a favorite fabric. Learn how to work with bias binding. Classes are monthly to allow for some home sewing. \$75 (pattern included) Wed Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 5; 6:30-9:30pm

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! \$65 (Fabric kit included) Sat Oct 13, 10am-4pm

Thread Painting: Use your sewing machine and a zig zag stitch to create some truly remarkable art work. Students will stitch a small flower and learn how to incorporate it into a fabric scene. \$45 Sat Nov 17; 10am-4pm

Hand Dyed Fabrics: If you have never dyed fabrics before, these classes are a lot of fun. Learn about basic colour theory, start working on a colour wheel, learn how to get texture and the mechanics of dyeing fabric. \$90 (includes fabrics & dyes)

- Sunday October 21; 2-5pm
- Tuesday November 27; 6:30-9:30pm.

Hand Dyed Fabrics-Colour: This class is a closer look at the theory behind fabric dyeing. Students will dye two-colour progressions using two methods of mixing dyes. \$90 (includes supplies) Thurs Nov 22; 7-10pm

Appliquéd Tea Towels: Using machine appliqué and commercial tea towels, learn to make whimsical and useful gifts. These are ideal for hostess gifts, as well as decorating your kitchen! \$30 (tea towel incl.) Thurs, Oct 11; 12:30-3:30pm.

Curved Piecing: Learn to make curved, three-dimensional quilt blocks without ever sewing a curved seam! This technique produces 3-dimensional blocks without bulk and is ideal for table runners, wall hangings and even full sized quilts! \$45 Tues, Oct 16 & 23; 1-4pm

KidSew® Program

At Needleworks, we are pleased to offer a sewing certificate for our school age sewers. Children can work towards sewing certificates in a variety of different projects. Contact the store for more details.

Class Registration is \$50 for 6 hours of instruction. Weekdays, the registration is ongoing and students are asked to register for a minimum of 4 (1 1/2 hour) lessons at a time. Saturdays, we have picked 3 dates per month, each 2 hour lessons. A 10% discount is offered for each child that registers for more than one session at a time.

Classes are offered

- Monday 4:30-6pm
- Tuesday 4:30-6pm
- Wednesday: 4:30-6pm (Junior High)
- Thursday: 4-5:30 or 5:30-7pm
- Friday (for homeschooled children); 9-10:30am, 10:30am-noon, or 1-2:30pm
- Saturday: 9-11am, 11am-1pm

Watch for details of our Christmas Break camps.

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 are encouraged to purchase their class supplies at Needleworks. This helps us to offer classes at reasonable rates. - 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