

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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It is hard to imagine that we have been open for two years! The time has flown and we are excited to be planning activities and classes for our 3rd year of operation. We have met many great customers and students and will strive to continue to provide excellent, friendly service.

Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side.

Last year, Hermina came up with the above phrase, which I think we have all adopted as our mission statement. We often have customers in who want just a little bit of help or information. We also have students who register for classes so that they can continue to enjoy their sewing activities.....

We are excited about our new **Treat Yourself Tuesdays**: Looking for like-minded sewers to sew and chat with? Need time away from all the demands of life? Join us on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1-4pm. Bring along whatever project you are working on - clothing, quilting, mending - and join us for a chat with a little bit of creativity thrown into the mix. Come for all three hours or whatever fits your schedule. Everyone is welcome....we'll learn from each other and be inspired! Only \$8 for the afternoon....GST and coffee/tea included. Call the store for more details.

If you are interested in any holiday related sewing or quilting classes, give the store a call. We would be happy to schedule something for you.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

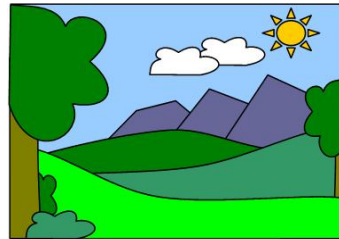
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Following is a listing of classes we are currently offering and some we are planning for the new year. Talk to our staff for more details. We would love to schedule a class for you and your friends, all we need are 3 registered students.

KidSew Holiday Camp:

Hand Dyed Landscape Wallhanging:

Students will design their own landscape quilt, hand dye the fabrics, applique and stitch the wallhanging in 3 (2 hour) lessons. \$75 (includes all supplies) Wed-Fri, Jan. 2-4, 2008; 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1:30-3:30pm and 3:30-5:30pm as necessary. Maximum 6 students per class and we would prefer children who have sewn with us before.



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. \$105 Mon Nov 12, 19, 26, Dec 3, 10; 6:30-9:30pm

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 Wed. Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec 5; 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

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 Thurs Nov 15, 22, 29; 6:30-9:30pm

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 Nov 20, 27, Dec 4; 6:30-9:30pm

Quilters Primer: This is a great beginner class for 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) Thurs. Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13; 7-10pm

Magic Stars Quilt: This is a "super simple" project that can be sewn with scraps or coordinated fabrics. The stars appear by magic as you sew a simple quilt with just blocks. \$25-45. You can register for 1 class to learn the technique or 2 to complete the quilt top. Tues Nov 27 & Dec 4; 1-4pm

Bra-Making 101: Let Jane 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. The cost includes kits for both bras. Sat & Sun 9am- 5pm February 2 & 3, 2008

Classes for the New Year...the following list is a description of classes that we are planning for the new year. Give the store a call to let us know what dates would be ideal for you.

Sewing:

Bra-Making Work Day: A day set aside for previous students to work on a bra. Jane will be on hand to help you finish what you started in class, fine tune the fit or start a new bra. Kits will be available if required.

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.

Creative Coat: Start with a rectangle of fabric & end up with a great coat or jacket. Learn how to measure, cut and sew this jacket as well as have opportunity to use a variety of methods of embellishing your coats.

Fun:

Wardrobe Planning: Tired of standing in front of 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

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.

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.

Serging:

Needleworks offers a variety of other Serger classes. Check the web site for full details.

Quilting:

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.

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!

Monthly Projects

The November projects are now ready. The table runner is made up of two simple blocks in lovely batik fabrics. The bag is a simple, yet practical thread catcher and pin cushion to keep beside your sewing machine.

Photo Transfer: Join Margaret as she shows you how easy and creative it is to print directly on fabric. She has experimented with lots of tools and techniques and has a great presentation to inspire you. Come and spend an evening and learn all you need to know! We'll schedule a work day at a later date when Margaret will help you with the layout and printing.

We are excited to offer 4 different classes for Free Motion Quilting in the New Year.

- **Free Motion Quilting-Beginner:** 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.
- **Free Motion Quilting - Feathers:** Learn how to stitch beautiful feathers with no marking on the quilt. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers.
- **Free Motion Quilting - Wholecloth:** Explore a variety of free form stitches as you quilt a whole cloth quilt.
- **Free Motion Quilting - Almost Amish:** Stitch a quilt in an Amish style and use a variety of feather stitches to quilt it.

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

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. We recommend the intro class, but it is not necessary.

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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 on-going 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, 2-4pm, 4-6pm

See details of our Christmas Break camp on the reverse of this newsletter.

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