

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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A New Year brings lots of new opportunities. Why not sew with us? At Needleworks, we have many classes to encourage you. As we bring more instructors on board, we can offer a wider variety of classes. Check out the list of fabulous opportunities to learn in the coming months. The web site has all the details of each class, including supply lists and pictures of projects where applicable.

Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side.

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, or 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.

Monthly Projects: We had a lot of fun this year writing and preparing 24 projects (12 table runners & 12 bags). For 2008, there will only be 12 projects. On alternating months we will have an idea for a fabulous vest and a small quilted wallhanging. Each kit will include a pattern or instruction sheet and cost no more than \$10. We hope that this change will encourage even more of you to participate next year. Full details can be found on the web page.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

Needleworks, Fabrics & Classes

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Sewing:

Adult Beginner Sewing: This 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. Allison \$120 Wed. March 5, 12, 19, 26; 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. Cindy \$110 Mon. Jan 7; 6:30-8pm and Tues. Jan 15, 22, 29; 6:30-9:30pm

Skirt: Learn how to fit and sew a lined skirt with a full waistband and zipper. Cindy \$90 Tues. March 11, 18, 25; 6:30-9:30pm

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. \$210, Sat & Sun February 2 & 3; 9am- 5pm

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. \$80 Sat. Feb 23; 9am-5pm

Flatter Your Figure: Everyone has a beautiful body. In this class you will be shown how to choose styles which will be most flattering for your body type. You will discover your personal body type, what styles work best for the body type and why. Sandra \$30, Mon Jan 14; 6:30-9:30pm

Choosing Fabric for Project: Take the mystery out of fabric shopping by learning a few quick tips about fabrics and how to choose one which will be most suitable for your project. Sandra \$30 Mon Jan 21; 6:30-9:30pm

Zip It UP! This is a hands-on class where you will learn several different methods of inserting a zipper. We will also discuss what method is most appropriate for different projects. Sandra \$30 Mon Feb 4; 6:30-9:30pm

A Professional Finish: In this class we will be focusing on hems, seams and seam finishes to give your garment that professionally finished look. Sandra \$30 Mon Feb 11, 6:30-9:30pm

20 Designer Tips: Learn from a Palmer Pletsch instructor as she presents these tips that will change our sewing dramatically for a more professional look to all your sewing projects. There is no supply list for this class....just an open mind and a coffee cup. Cindy \$30 Tues. Feb 12; 6:30-9:30pm

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. Jane \$25 Thurs Jan. 31; 7:15-9:45pm

Fleece Jacket: Pick a pattern and some comfy fleece and we'll help you sew up a super jacket. Students will learn how to install zippers & pockets as well as explore ways to embellish their jackets. Allison \$120 Wed April 2, 9, 16 & 23; 6:30-9:30pm

Fun:

Artsy Bohemian Bag: The classes will encourage and teach you to unleash your creative side. With your fabric and embellishing kit you can create a usable work of art. Embellishing kit included. Hermina Tue. Feb. 19 & 26; 6:30-9:30pm

Customizing Your DressForm

Part 1: In this demo, learn how to personalize your dressform so it really is an accurate representation of your body. In this class you will learn how to measure your body, adjust your dressform, and add extra padding. Draping a tissue pattern on the completed dressform will also be demonstrated. Sandra \$30 Mon. Feb 25; 6:30-9:30pm

Part 2: After watching the demo, the instructor will help you customize your own dressform and show you how to fit a partially completed garment. Sandra \$30 Mon March 10; 6:30-9:30pm

Serging:

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. Allison TBA

Quilting:

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. Allison \$60 Wed. Feb 6 & 13; 6:30-9:30pm
- **Free Motion Quilting - Wholecloth:** Explore a variety of free form stitches as you quilt a whole cloth quilt. Allison \$60 Mon. Jan 14 & 21; 1-4pm
- **Free Motion Quilting - Feathers:** Learn how to stitch beautiful feathers with no marking on the quilt. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers. Allison \$25 Mon Jan 28; 6:30-9:30pm
- **Free Motion Quilting -Almost Amish:** Stitch a quilt in an Amish style and use a variety of feather stitches to quilt it. Allison TBA

1-2-3 Quilting: This is a great beginner class to learn how to use rotary tools properly, sew an accurate seam, quilt and bind the quilt. Students will have a choice of 3 different quilts in 3 different sizes. Allison \$120, Wed Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; 6:30-9:30pm

Quilt As You Go: Learn how to quilt smaller sandwiches and sew them together without the difficulty of quilting a large quilt. Learn how to sew "reversible" sashing. Carol F. \$60 Thurs. Jan 17 & 24; 12:30-3:30pm

Foundation Piecing: Learn how easy it is to "stitch on the line" and create beautifully pieced blocks. Allison \$30 Mon Jan 28; 1-4pm

Machine Appliqué: Explore a number of methods of machine appliqué, from satin stitch to blanket stitch while creating a beautiful pillow top or small wall hanging. Learn about the different tools available to attach the appliqué pieces to the background. Pattern included Allison \$65 Mon Feb. 4 & 11; 1-4pm

Hollow Cubes: Create optical illusions in fabric the easy way. Simple cutting and sewing techniques will have this quilt done in no time. Using different values of light, medium and dark fabrics creates three dimensional designs in fabric. Allison \$60 Wed Feb. 20 & 27; 6:30-9:30pm

Design A Lone Star: Love the look of the 8 pointed Lone Star Quilts, but don't have a clue how or where to start? Learn how easy it is to plan and sew this stunning quilt. Students will begin by looking at samples, then move on to deciding and planning their own quilt before purchasing the fabric and sewing the quilt top. Special attention will be paid to proper cutting, accurate sewing and speedy techniques to make this class and project a joy to complete. Allison \$90 Mon Feb 25 & March 3 & 10; 1-4pm

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! Carol R \$60 Wed, Feb. 27 & March 5; 1-4pm

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. (Fabric and dye kit included) Allison \$100 Fri, Jan 18; 6-9pm.

Photo Transfer: Learn how easy it is to print directly on fabric. Margaret has experimented with many tools and techniques and has a great presentation to inspire you. A work day will be scheduled at a later date. TBA

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

Watch for details of our Spring Quilt Camp in March

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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