

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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Join our **Preferred Customer Program**. Spend \$300 every three months and we'll send you a discount card to use for all your purchases in the following 3 months (except class registration). Contact the store or check the web site for more details.

We have created a **Toonie Basket**. All the Fat Quarters in the basket are rolled and wrapped with red ribbon. These are only \$2 each. Check out the selection and come back often to see what we have added.

We need Help!!!! We are growing and are in need of extra staff. If you are interested in 1-2 days a week helping customers with their sewing and quilting questions and looking after sales, come in and talk to us. We also continue our quest for sewing instructors....teaching adults or children. Talk to us if you are interested or simply curious.

Here is a handy tip.....when you are trying to thread your needle, change your sewing foot, or any other activity near your foot and needle and you need the light to see clearly, disengage the clutch on your hand wheel. If you accidentally step on your foot control, your needle won't move and scare the living daylights out of you!!!! Many thanks to Cathleen in our KidSew Tuesday class for this brilliant suggestion.

Monthly Projects: There are a few of the January projects left. February Vest Project will be available on the 15th. Each kit will include a pattern or instruction sheet and cost no more than \$10. Full details can be found on the web page.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

Needleworks, Fabrics & Classes

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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.

Come, let us teach & inspire your creative side.

Some of our classes don't have dates yet. Contact the store and let us know you are interested and we'll work on scheduling at your convenience.

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 April 8; 6:30-8pm, 15, 22, 29; 6:30-9:30pm

Designer Skirt: Start from scratch. Learn how to turn a simple straight skirt into a beautiful multi-gored skirt. Start with a draft for a straight skirt then draft a multi-gored skirt using the techniques used in the straight skirt. Allison \$60 Thurs March 6 & 13, 12:30-9:30pm

Classis 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

T-Shirt: Chose a simple t-shirt pattern and learn how to make minor adjustments and sew with knits on your sewing machine and/or serger. \$60 TBA

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, TBA

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

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. \$30 Mon Feb 4; 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

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

Thread Play: We are planning with a few teachers to create a series of classes on using a variety of threads in sewing and quilting. These techniques can be used for clothing, home dec, quilting and fun! Call the store and leave your name if you are interested in classes. We'll work things out and let you know soon.

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 Thursday February 7, 14, 21; 12:30-3:30pm.

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
- **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 March 3; 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. 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.

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.

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

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. \$25 April 1, 6:30-9pm

9-Patch Jacket: Play with the simple 9-patch blocks and create a stunning jacket to highlight a favorite fabric. Each section (back, fronts, sleeves) is made of a different arrangement of 9-patch blocks. The blocks are then quilted with very thin batting. The quilts are cut and sewn into a great stunning jacket.

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 TBA

- Our introductory class gives students a "taste" for the basics....learn how to dye.
- Our Colour Wheel class will guide you as you create a 12 step colour wheel

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: 9-11am (for homeschooled children) 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

Spring Quilt Camp: Check the web site for all the details.

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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