

NeedleNews

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Autumn has definitely arrived. The cooler winds and lots of rain has encouraged many of us to start thinking about a new fall wardrobe or working on a nice cozy quilt to keep us warm. Check out our class selection to see what interests you.

Inform: After a bit of a wait...the buttons have arrived. This collection of basic buttons is perfect for blouses, shirts and sweaters. At only 99¢ for a card of 3-6 buttons, they are a great value.

Excite: We are excited about our **First Anniversary Celebrations!** Monday, November 7 to Friday, November 10, each time you make a purchase, you will receive a gift and your name will be entered into a draw for some great prizes. On Saturday, November 11, we'll celebrate with even more draw prizes and great specials! We'll also have special Birthday discounts available all week!

Educate: One of our goals is to teach you something in each issue of NeedleNews. In recent classes, we have been discussing Pressing vs. Ironing. When you iron, you move the iron around on the fabric. When you press, put the iron down on the fabric, give a short 3-5 second count and lift the iron. The steam relaxes the fibers of the fabric and the weight and heat of the iron either smooths or creases the fabric as required. Always press as you sew. No matter how much you press or iron after your garment is sewn, you won't get as nice a finish as when you press while sewing. It may be worthwhile to treat yourself to a new iron. Look for one that is heavy enough with a sharp tip and a good solid base.

Classes: 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

- **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 and inspire your creative side.

Feel free to suggest another time or date if a scheduled class is not convenient for you. We want to meet the needs of our students and customers, so your help in planning for class scheduling helps us all.

Sewing

Open Classroom: Anytime that our classroom is not in use, you are welcome to come and "rent table space". Come and cut out a pattern, work on a project or receive some instruction or help from our staff. Only \$5 per hour. Private lessons are also available.

Shirt: Stitch a wardrobe basic....with cuffs, collars & button holes. \$65 Thurs Sept 28, Oct 5, 12; 6-9pm

Sew with Knits: Learn some easy tricks for sewing with Knits. \$45 Thurs Oct 19 & 26; 6-9pm

Straight Skirt: A well fitting skirt looks and feels good. \$45 Tues Oct. 17 & 24; 6-9pm

Pants: Draft your own pant pattern. This class will teach you how to measure accurately and draft for a well fitting pair of pants. \$85

- Tues. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10; 6-9pm
- Wed Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; 2-5pm

Jean Jacket: Stitch your own wardrobe basic in all-purpose denim or any fashion fabric. Chose from a Kwik Sew or MacPhee Workshop pattern. \$65 Mon Oct 16, 23, 30; 6:30-9:30pm

Fleece Jacket: Pockets, zippers and appliques make a simple jacket, great! \$65 Thurs Nov 2, 9, 16; 2-5pm

Fun

Organizer Tote: Stitch that perfect washable tote or purse to hold your life's daily treasures. \$45 Wed Oct. 18 & 25; 6-9pm

Techniques - Bleaching & Foiling: Explore various ways to embellish your next fabric creation. \$30 (kit included) Wed Oct.4; 1-4pm

Urban Bag: A great bag with lots of fabric and embellishing ideas. \$25 Wed Oct. 11; 1-4pm

Kids Sewing

All levels of sewers are welcome. Students work at their own pace on a selection of projects. We help to direct them in their choices of project based on their levels of experience. Full details on our classes can be found on our web site www.needleworks.org

Kids Sew After School: Mondays from 4:30-6pm. \$45. Registration is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks.

Kids Saturday Sew: Register for 3-2 hour lessons. \$45

- October 14, 21, 28; 9-11am
- November 4, 11, 25; 9-11am
- December 2, 9, 16; 9-11am

Home School Sewing: Needleworks is proud to offer sewing and crafting classes for home schooled children on Friday mornings. \$45 Register is on-going for 4 consecutive weeks.

- 11 years and older: 9-10:30am
- 7-10 years old: 10:45am-12:15pm

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Sewing for Plus Sizes

We are thrilled to be able to offer sewing classes for plus size sewers. Fitting for the plus size sewer is not that challenging or frustrating once you know how.

Hermina will give you lots of good tips and ideas for sewing and dressing plus size.

Plus Dress: Dresses are hard to fit & find, so come adjust a basic dress pattern that will give you a good fit. \$45. Tues. Oct. 17 & 24; 6-9pm

Plus Fleece: With those cool fall days approaching, sew a toasty fleece top to keep you warm. Easy & made to fit you right. \$45. Wed. Oct. 4 & 11; 6-9pm

Plus Pant: Ever have your pants too short in the back with all that extra in the front, or too wide in the leg & not enough hip room? We'll show you how to make a basic pant to fit your body shape. \$65. Tues. Nov. 7, 14, 21; 6-9pm

Plus Jean Jacket: A western basic with flair. Come join us and make a jean jacket like no other. \$85. Wed. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22; 1-4pm

Plus Shirt: Stitch up a shirt with great fit. Hermina will show you how to embellish for that personal touch....\$65. Date TBA.

Serging

Sergers are available for rent for use during classes. This is a great opportunity to learn about sergers before making a purchase.

Beginner Serger: Make 3 simple projects while you learn how to use a serger with confidence. We'll teach you how to thread & adjust your serger and recognize perfect tension. \$65 Tues Nov 14, 21, 28; 6-9pm

Serger Basics: A shortened version of our beginner serger class. In 3 hours students will review threading and learn the full variety of stitches your serger can do. \$25 Tues Oct 10; 2-5pm

Hours of Operation
Mon & Tues: 1-6pm
Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm

Sweatshirt/T-shirt: Use your serger and a few quick tips to cut and sew a sweatshirt or T-Shirt with only 2 pattern pieces. \$25 Thurs Nov 7; 2-5pm

Cover Hem: Stitch a fleece vest and learn to use the cover hem and chain stitch features on your serger. \$50 (pattern included) Tues Oct 17 & 24; 2-5pm

Quilting

Quilter's Primer: A great beginning for anyone who wants to learn to make quilts or for those who would like to learn good quilting techniques. Students will completely finish a 6 block sampler quilt. \$120 (includes book) Mon Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4; 6:30-9:30pm

Stained Glass: Learn the all-time easiest method of creating stained glass quilts. Students will learn how easy it is to cut, press and apply the bias tape to complete any stained glass design. \$45 Wed Sept. 20 & 26; 10am-1pm

Junk Yard Quilting: One quilter's trash is another's scrap stash. Brenda, the Junk Yard Quilting Queen will teach you about value, texture and colour in scrap quilting as well as sorting and storing scraps. \$65 (includes kit) Thurs Oct. 19 & 26; 6-9pm

Shirley Paterson is a local Fiber artist with a great background in a variety of art techniques. Her classes are very informative, relaxed and fun.

Rough Edge Applique: Learn how to stitch and embellish using the rough edge applique techniques. Stitch a beautiful winter scene. \$65 (kit included) Sat Oct. 14; 11am-5pm

Thread Painting: Learn how to use your machine to paint beautiful pictures or embellish your clothing or quilting projects. \$45 Thurs Sept. 28; 10am-4pm

Rough Edge Vest: Use the rough edge applique techniques to embellish a vest. \$100 (fabric kit and pattern included) Mon Oct. 16 & 23; 1-4pm

Free Motion Quilting: Learn how easy it is to achieve perfect tension and stitch length while creating some beautiful fill stitches for your next quilt. Students will also learn how to make and use templates and transfer the pattern to the quilt. \$45

- Tues Sept 26 & Oct 3; 2-5pm
- Thurs Nov. 16 & 23; 6-9pm

Wacky Windows: Learn how to "stack & whack" in this attic windows quilt. \$85 Wed Nov 1, 8, 15; 6-9pm

Tessellating Leaves Table Runner: Use an easy form of foundation piecing in this great project. \$45 Thurs Oct 19 & 26; 2-5pm

Stars Table Runner: Learn some simple math rules and make either a Friendship Star or Ohio Star table runner. \$45 Thurs Nov 2 & 9; 6-9pm

Christmas Bells Table Runner: Simple piecing, folding and sewing techniques make this three dimensional runner exciting in any colour scheme. This is a great project for Christmas decorating or gift giving. \$45 Thurs Oct. 5 & 12; 1-4pm

Gift Bags: Learn how to draft and sew a gift bag for those hard to wrap gifts. \$25 Sat Nov 4; 1-4pm

Needleworks Class Registration Policies

- * Full Payment is required at the time of registration. GST is added to the cost of all classes.
- * Students will receive a full refund or store credit if classes are cancelled due to insufficient registration.
- * A supply list will be given out 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.
- * Classes start on time and end on time! Plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that you can be relaxed and ready to start on time.
- * Students are asked to be considerate of other students in the classroom and not wear strong perfumes or use their cell phone during class time.