



APRIL GATHERINGS

NO SEWING WORLD GATHERING THIS MONTH but back to usual in May.

APRIL 23
1:00 to 3:00 PM, The Royal Canadian Legion, 606 38 Ave NE.

The Legion provides this venue to us free. Do not bring food or beverages in to the Legion. These are available at their snack bar. Consider a food bank donation as a thank you.

*APRIL
at a glance*

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APRIL 15 - to 18 - F&YS
Yes, time again for the FABRIC & YARN SALE, a much anticipated event. Sign up to volunteer and of course, come shop.

APRIL 23 - Fourth Thursday Gathering at The Royal Canadian Legion.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

TAGS - Why tags? Here is a little primer

Product Custodians love it when items arrive with tags attached and all filled in. It has to be done and who better to provide useful information than the creator?

It seems like a simple thing to put a tag on a handmade item but, as with most things, there is an element of art to it as well. So what makes a tag worth reading?

NAME THAT THING - It can be a lot of fun to get together with a friend to make up catchy names for those dolls, dinosaurs, hats, bracelets or felted slippers. We've heard customers at BB&B comment about a unique name that added that little extra attraction.

WHO DUNNIT? - Please, add your initials, name or pseudonym (some of you have such cool alter egos).

This is helpful if questions arise about the item.

WHAT'S IN IT? - Content and care for items such as wearables and Home Decor are very valuable to the customer. For fibres, include the yarn label if you have it. At BB&B 2014, Accessory Custodians used Luxury Fibre labels for those special fibres and virtually every one of those items left the building. Help them out by noting the fibre content.

DOES SIZE REALLY MATTER? - Well, yes, sometimes it does. When it does, please be sure to include that info on the tag also.

\$ - Don't worry about pricing. Pricing committees will take care of this part just before the sale.

 **KNIT NOTES**

KNIT A FELF



Cat Bordhi has given us permission to make and sell her wonderful felted footwear - Felfs. These whimsical treats for feet are available in her ebook, *The Art of Felfs* or as a single pattern.



Once finished, all styles appear to have been knit in the round, but are actually knit flat in garter stitch in simple shapes which are then folded and sewn before felting. Extend or trim one underlying shape to transform the basic Felf into thigh-high boots, ballet shoes, cowboy boots and more.



The e-book is a PDF, so you can store it on any and all devices you own, from smart phone to laptop to tablet, and you can easily print out a few pages or have the book printed and bound.



In addition to her generous offer to us, Cat donates 100% of the book and pattern income (minus Paypal fees) to the cancer research lab of Dr. David Krag at University of Vermont Medical School. It is a way to double your impact.

Order the book [HERE](#) or just the basic pattern [HERE](#).

 **SEW WHAT?**

COOL HIKING LUNCH BAG

This lunch bag is a simple sew - takes about an hour - and makes a great gift. Every time we sit down with our lunch bags, another hiker wants to know where to get one.



NEED:

- 0.2 metres of durable outdoor fabric
- 24" of sturdy ribbon - grosgrain works well
- 13" closed end zipper - 15" including the ends
- sew-on patch

HOW: All 1/4 inch seam allowances.

Cut two pieces of durable fabric 7.5" x 7.5"

Cut two pieces 14.5" x 5.5"

Cut the ribbon into three pieces: 14.5", 3", 3"

Cut one of the long strips in half lengthwise to get two 2.75" x 14.5" pieces.

Position the 3" ribbons across the middle of the long strips as shown below. Pin in place. Sew zipper into this long piece and edge-stitch both sides of the zipper.



Lay the other ribbon the length of the second long strip. Find the centre and mark 3.5" to either side. Zigzag in place on these marks. Sew the two long strips together end to end and edge stitch the seams. You will have a loop.

Sew the patch onto one of the 7.5" squares. Set the squares into the long strip centering the top ribbon strips on one side and clipping as needed. When you insert the second square, be certain to open the zipper or you will be sad.

Zigzag to finish the edges. Add a pull tab to the zipper, load your lunch and hit the trail (sale).