

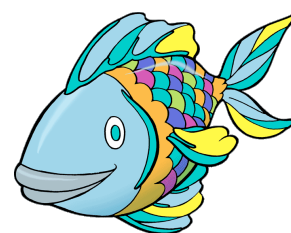
HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



Bindings image from Bernina web site [we all sew](http://weallsew.com).

APRIL AT A GLANCE

- ☐ **April 13 to 15**- Volunteer for F&YS pre-sale set up
- ☐ **April 15 to 16**- Volunteer for F&YS sale
- ☐ **April 28** - Fourth Thursday Gathering, the Legion.



Something fishy's going on!

APRIL GATHERINGS

NO SOUTH GATHERING THIS MONTH DUE TO FABRIC & YARN SALE. Back to normal in May.

April 28

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

The Legion provides this venue to us free. Please, no outside food or beverages as these are available from their snack bar. Consider a food bank donation as a thank you.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

DEMO DAY - MAY 11

Are you excited? We hope so because Handcrafts Committee is pretty excited about the 2016 Demo Day coming up on May 11. Participants can take in as many as three of the six one-hour demos - three related to fabric and three to yarn/fibre.

Custodians will be on hand to talk about product ideas. There will be a library table with a variety of resources and ideas.

Door prizes for being there and demo door prizes will again be awarded. A trivia quiz will have a prize as well so start brushing up on your UJAMAA facts.

As an extra takeaway, consider bringing an Artist Trading Card. All who bring a card will be able to take a card. See more about ATCs in March Monthly.

Watch for more info each month. Sign up begins May 1 on the web site REGISTER page.

HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

CHAIR, FABRIC CUSTODIAN- Dawn Bolger
 SECRETARY, WORKSHOPS & DEMOS - Patty Cucman
 BB&B Co-ordination, YARN CUSTODIAN- Janice McDonald
 ACCESSORIES - Glenda Sweetland (neck & shoulders), Janice Meeking (heads & fingers, knees and toes)
 BOOK BAGS - Ellen Monaghan
 CHILDREN'S ITEMS- Mieke Van Dijk, Sandy Burgess, Susan Johnston
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KNIT NOTES

DEMO DAY - BIND OFF

Last year, Glenda Sweetland led participants through a few of the many options for casting on. It is so tempting to resort to the old stand by but Glenda demonstrated some very pretty variations to try. This year, join Glenda again for binding off - utilitarian, fancy or extra stretchy. If you are thinking about attending this demo, you might consider bringing along a small sampler - 15 or so live stitches on needles and 5 or more rows - so you can practice your favourite new technique while the expert is on hand.

MERMAID & MERMAN TAILS

Have you seen them on Pinterest or sewing blogs? They are oh-so-cute and all the rage with the young set and their moms. No little mermaid or merman will be able to resist nap time when cuddled into one of these. Tail buntings can be knit, crochet or sewn and there are patterns readily available online for all of these styles.



We especially love this crocheted baby bunting version by b.hooked. Brittany has given us permission to use her pattern and this wonderful image of her Mystic Mermaid Cocoon. Find the free pattern [HERE](#). Brittany's pattern uses Red Heart Boutique Unforgettable which is a worsted weight acrylic - snuggly and soft.

Mermaid tails are popular with the not-as-young folks too. Purchase a pattern for a toddler- to teen-sized, knit version from Angie Hartley's RAVELRY store [HERE](#). We have permission from Angie to sell the final product when we purchase the pattern. Angie's pattern also uses worsted weight yarn. Remember, respect Angie's copyrights and don't share the pattern.



Check the F&Y Sale for suitable yarn for either the knit or crochet versions and be sure to use a yarn that is washable and soft.

SEW WHAT?

DEMO DAY - BINDINGS

Come learn the where, why and how of all things bound. Join Joyce Goddard as she leads us through all she knows about bindings, and trust us, Joyce knows the works. Joyce is the Baroness of Bindings. Good bindings can make or break your quilted projects such as placemats, runners, pot holders and casserole carriers. Learn about:

- Double fold binding
- Self binding
- Flange binding
- Prairie points as a binding

Even if you have used these bindings before, we know that Joyce has something new to teach you about them. If time permits, she might also talk about using commercially prepared bindings like bias tape.

MOBILES

What do you get when you combine one embroidery hoop, pretty yarn or ribbon, felt and a bit of stitching? A baby mobile of course.

Every year at the sale we get oodles of hoops and rings. This year, let's try using these as a starting point for cute baby mobiles.

Wrap that ring in some pretty ribbon or yarn, attach three loops for hanging and you're almost done. You can add beads if you like.



Now sew up a bevy of little, bitty, felt things to hang from the ring. Think themes - airplanes, mermaids, clouds and stars, owls, bunnies, trucks or cars. Package it all up in a clear plastic bag for easy handling at BB&B.

Ria Crawford has an [Etsy store](#) in which she sells numerous patterns for felt mobiles. Her patterns are reasonably priced and pdc (Pretty Darn Cute) and we have her permission to sell finished products and to use these pictures of her finished products.

