

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



AUGUST GATHERINGS

Gathering - August 12

10:00 to noon at Sewing World in the upstairs classroom, 136 71 Ave. SE

If you wish, please bring along a snack to share. Remember to park in the rear and to mention us when you shop.

Mini DEMO: On Upholstery Wine Bags after both gatherings.

Gathering - August 28

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Sheila Grogan's, 53 Edgepark Villas NW. This is a condo complex directly across from Tom Baines School. The address of the complex is 251 Edgepark Blvd. NW.

There is visitor parking in the NW corner of the complex and all along the fence. Mini Demo to follow.

AUGUST at a glance

August 12- Gathering, 10:00 AM to noon at Sewing World.

Mini DEMO:

Barb Doll will do a mini demo on Upholstery Wine Bags after the gathering.

August 28 - Gathering, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Sheila Grogan's.

Mini DEMO:

Joyce Goddard will do a mini demo on Upholstery Wine Bags after the gathering.

Remember!

Get your name on!



NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

Upcoming Wild Women Workshop - September

Wild Women are cute little dolls (2 to 4 inches tall) made from scraps of fabric and yarn, beads and buttons. They can become detachable accessories, hanging ornaments or name tags. Every doll is as unique as its creator.

Register for this September workshop to create Wild Women dolls; one for you and one (or more!) for the sale. Most of the required materials will be provided but bring your own scissors and large eye embroidery/craft needle. If you have unique buttons, beads, thread or other items that you might want to include on your Wild Woman then please bring them too.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 AM to noon

WHERE: This workshop will be at a member's house in Sundance (SE Calgary). The exact address will be provided with registration confirmation.

YOU NEED: Pair of scissors, large eye embroidery/craft needle and any unique items you want to include. Required materials will be on hand.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to 10 people due to space.

REGISTER: Please register via [this link](#). You will receive an email confirmation and location details within a week of registration.

See one of Carla's above. Now, how cute is THAT!?



KNIT NOTES

Is the need to knit gnawing at you?

Try one of these.

Hand puppets, either knit or crochet, are always a sell out.

This is a cute knit pattern from Creative Knitting Magazine that can be adapted to become any number of different animals besides the mouse and the piglet variations provided. Imagine a giraffe, zebra, calico cat, dog or . . . well, you get the idea.



Ear shapes and body colour are the key. Eyes and nose should be embroidered rather than sew-on buttons to meet the safety guidelines. Get the pattern [HERE](#).

Have you tried a Boneyard Shawl?



I have just started my first one, shown above, and it is an easy and versatile pattern. Begin in the middle and knit from the top, it makes a lovely triangle shawl.

The best part is you can use the same yarn throughout - takes about 600 meters of DK weight yarn - or mix colours and even change patterns with each set of 12 stitches.

Those ribs do not have to be evenly spaced either. If you have a few skeins of complimentary colours, try using one colour until it is gone then do the rib and change colours. Especially effective if you have a monochromatic scheme and grade from dark to light or vice versa. Try one and let your imagination go to suit your stash or ours.

Get the pattern [HERE](#) and see many variations on [REVELRY](#).



SEW WHAT?

Searching for something to sew?

Sew up some of these.

In the Children's section we are short of fun things like this crayon wrap.

Click [HERE](#) for a tutorial for a variation of this one.



Or make some of Joyce Goddard's cute little girl's purses.

This cutie is made from seven, 4.5 inch squares; one for the bottom, four for the sides and the last two cut in half and used on the sides to create a top when the bag is drawn closed.



Make a similar-sized lining of a contrasting fabric and put them together with a casing top. Thread two drawstrings into the casing and finish the ends of the drawstrings with little cover-tubes to hide the knots.

Now for something completely different!

Consider making one or two of these hot (or cool, depending on your perspective) casserole carriers. These are new this year and we expect them to sell well.

They are quick and easy to make using either pre-quilted fabric or quilt your own. Your quilting can be as simple or complex as you like.

Find patterns on the [PATTERNS](#) page.

