

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



AUGUST GATHERINGS

AUGUST 11

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. Stay on for the wooly Mini Demo. No registration needed.

AUGUST 27

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Sharon Kimmel's, 114 Confederation Villas NW. Gate code is 01818.
 Stay on for the Wooly Mini-Demo.

Please RSVP at shay5236@icloud.com

August 11 - Sewing World Gathering

August 11 - Mini Demo on wooly pins and other embellishments.

August 27 - Gathering at Sharon's.

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NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

THINKING ABOUT THE SALE?

Time is running away but there is still lots of time to make a few more fun things.

Items will be collected at the September gatherings but there will also be a north and south location for drop off on September 26 and 27 for those who cannot attend a gathering or who have last-minute items. Items dropped off after these dates will be accepted but, because items are priced by committees, may not be included in the sale. They will be held for the 2015 sale.

WOOLY BULLY

Wooly Fabulous is the ETSY name for a clever hand crafter from Toronto who makes fabulous, pins, barrettes and pendants from felted sweaters and metal zippers. Look her up and you will marvel at the things she does with these simple materials and a glue gun.

What's not to love?

Join us for a mini demo after the August gatherings when Patty Cucman will show you the secrets of these bully woolies.

FABRIC OPEN HOUSE Wow! What a success!

By mid afternoon of July 29 more than 20 people had visited, shopped, laughed and exchanged ideas. A lot of fabric went home to be made into fabric boxes, gift bags, Halloween Treat bags, potholders, placemats and caftans for BB&B. Some people dropped off finished projects and picked up fabric to take home either for projects of their own or for the sale. We made money for the Fabric Sale and look forward to seeing the projects for BB&B sale.

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Fabric Open House.

 **KNIT NOTES**

WHAT'S HOT?

COWLS were a new item a few years ago and they proved to be very popular, the majority selling in the \$20 to \$29 range. If this is a project that appeals to you, try one of these beauties.



This bandana-style cowl can be made in a range of yarn weights. This one is on the chunky side but I have seen it in finer yarn and it is just as effective. For that matter I have seen it in even chunkier and that was very hot too.

Get the pattern for free on Ravelry <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/bandana-cowl>

And this one is a favourite. Imagine it in a variegated yarn or a yarn with some mohair.

This is another free pattern on Ravelry. <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/honey-cowl>

As always, for cowls, be sure to use yarn that is soft to the touch.



BOOT TOPPERS AND LEG WARMERS

Remember those boot toppers at the 2013 sale? They were gone before we could say boot topper. Let's make lots. See the SEPTEMBER 2013 MONTHLY for ideas.



But we also had requests for leg warmers so here are a few ideas to get you started. This cute spat is a free Ravelry pattern - <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/tout-boutonne-leg-warmers>

And these l-o-n-g leg warmers are from Drops also free on Ravelry - <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/114-7-leg-warmers-in-karisma-superwash-with-cables>



 **SEW WHAT?**

CARRIER - VARIATIONS ON A THEME

After the June gatherings, Janice Meeking gave us a mini-demo on a versatile picnic carrier. How versatile? Well there were ideas for not just the carrier but matching napkins, using a nursery print to make a diaper carrier/change pad with a liner of water proof fabric. Carry the wipes, spare diapers and whatever inside.



Find the instructions on the PATTERNS page, accessible from [HANDCRAFTS](#).

If you are struggling with the written instructions for the mitered corners, these photos might help. We had no tape but I am sure you will get the idea.

Start by folding in the seam allowance on all sides.

a) Measure 1" from a corner along each of the adjacent side edges and mark with a washable fabric marker.



b) Place a piece of masking tape from one mark to the other, extending the tape beyond the fabric at each edge.

c) Fold the carrier at the corner, on the diagonal, meeting sticky ends of tape and aligning folded fabric edges and stitch along the edge of the tape.

d) Trim beyond your stitching. Remove the tape.

Do the above four steps for each corner.

