



HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



JULY GATHERINGS

JULY 14

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 fabric flower Demo. No registration needed.

JULY 23

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

Please RSVP at shay5236@icloud.com

JULY at a glance

July 14 - Sewing World Gathering

July 14 - Fabric Flower Demo.

July 23 - Gathering at Sharon's.

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NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT?

Well you can stop guessing!



Make a bouquet of these pretty daisies and as long as you start by assuming he loves you, you'll be right every time.

Join Dawn Bolger for a 15 minute demo to see how quick and easy it is to make a bundle of

these. Use them in a vase for perpetual blooms or add one or two as an embellishment on another item.

Dawn will hold this demo after each of the July gatherings.

STASH

UJAMAA GRANDMAS Handcrafts Committee has a wonderful stash of both fabrics and yarns and lately the committee has been busy making up kits for a wide variety of items - gift bags, pot holders, quilted play mats, aprons, felted bags.

These kits will be available for pick up after each gathering but if you can't wait, send a note to message@ujamaagrandmas to arrange to see what we have on hand.

INVENTORY

Product Custodians have done a mid-year inventory and my, oh my, you have been busy. In all categories we are over half way to our previous year's number of items. Only Home Decor is a bit behind, particularly in seasonal items. Get some ideas in this issue.



DISH IT UP

Dish cloths are such a fun and easy project and we normally sell hundreds - yes, you read that correctly - hundreds of them at BAGS, BABIES & BEYOND.

But wonder where to get new ideas and patterns that will keep us interested in making these popular items?

Wonder no more !

Knit Picks is having a *52 Weeks of Dishcloths* event this year. This is week 27 and there are 27 posted to date. Some are square, some are round, some are plain and some are fancy but there is sure to be at least one that strikes you.

If you're interested, check them out [HERE](#).

HARD TO THINK OF HATS IN JULY

But hats are great sellers. At the 2014 BB&B sale we sold 125 hats for men and women. That does not include hats for little people.

But what to make? In the April Handcrafts Monthly we suggested a few sources of great looking hats, mostly for women. Here are a few other suggestions:



From DROPS, this moss stitch slouch hat would be great for men or women depending on colour.

Pattern is available [HERE](#) with permission to make one for sale.

Here is a men's hat that would be sure to be popular.

The pattern can be found [HERE](#). Permission is granted to make this one for charity.

You must log in to Ravelry to access this pattern.



Or get down to the knitty gritty with something with more details with this bee hive.

Pattern is available [HERE](#) on Ravelry and may be used to raise funds.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

What a concept!!!

Do you have Christmas fabric in your stash that is begging to be used?

If so, consider using it to make Christmas items for BAGS, BABIES & BEYOND. Home Decor falls in the beyond category.

The same household items we make with non-seasonal fabric sell well when made with Christmas fabric - pot holders, aprons, wine bags, insulated table mats, quilted table runners and smaller table mats. The size of pieces in your stash may determine the finished project and its shape.

Tree skirts are more ambitious to make but sell well. Some patterns result in two skirts - one for you and one for BB&B.

Christmas ornaments take a variety of forms and we always sell them out.

Dish cloths and felted bowls made with Christmas-coloured yarn are always popular.

And don't discount the value of fabric gift bags! We have a number of Christmas gift bags cut out and ready to be sewn.

They will be available in kit form at all the gatherings for a quick and easy but very satisfying project. Or if you wish to use your own fabrics find a pattern on the PATTERNS page accessible from HANDCRAFTS.

Remember, make what you like and the customers will like what you make.

