



HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



MAY GATHERINGS

Gathering - May 13

May 8, 10:00 to noon at Sewing World's 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.

Gathering - May 30

May 30, 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Barb Doll's 137 Hamptons Gardens N.W. From Country Hills Blvd. NW turn north onto Hamptons Blvd. Turn right onto Hamptons Terrace and at the T stay right on Hamptons Terrace. Turn right onto Hamptons Gardens NW. Barb is on the left. RSVP: barbied137@gmail.com

MAY at a glance

May 13 - Gathering, 10:00 AM to noon at Sewing World PLUS Demo: "What makes a good bag into a GREAT bag?"

May 21 - Sewing Day, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Details and register on line [HERE](#).

May 26 - Clay Workshop Pt 1, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Make and Bake day, with followup, glazing the following week. Details and registration online [HERE](#).

May 30 - Button Bracelet Workshop, 10:00 AM to noon. Details and registration online [HERE](#).

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NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

Two-day Clay Workshop

Sundays May 26 & June 2, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
6 Varbow Place, N.W., Janice McDonald's house

Led by Tracy Franks, local ceramics artist and teacher, we will be making buttons, pendants, trivets and any other small items that can be added to our handcrafted items and sold as is at our fall BB&B sale.

The first day we will be creating our clay pieces, which will be fired during the week. The second day we will be glazing in preparation for a final firing.

Your pieces will be ready for pickup the next week.

We have room for 12, so please register soon – try out the new online registration system! [HERE](#).

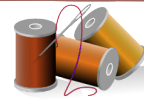
Demo: What makes a good bag into a great bag?

Ellen and Leslie will host a demo after both May gatherings - May 13 AM and May 30 PM - on "What makes a good bag into a GREAT bag?"

Get insight into closures, straps, finishing, embellishing and linings for both felted and sewn bags of all sizes. No need to RSVP or register; just stay on after the gathering.



KNIT NOTES



SEW WHAT?

Twist and Shout

I had an AHA moment this month and hope it helps someone else who has struggled with a “problem” yarn. The multi-strand, light-twist yarn untwisted at the working end and tangled up at the ball end. I kept splitting the yarn, kept having to untangle at the ball and generally was not having fun.

I wrap yarn twice round my pinkie for tension. When I wrapped in the same direction as the twist, hmmm, no problems. Such an obvious but elusive solution when we are prewired to wrap a certain way. I now pay attention and get much better results. YEAH!

Are you a Raveler?

Ravelry is a wonderful online resource for knitters and crocheters of all stripes. You’ll find many free patterns and patterns for sale are generally only a few dollars. They range from straightforward to complex and there is something to suit every hand crafter.

Do you have a wonderful yarn but are you stumped as to how best to use it? Ravelry has a huge yarn library for both current and out of stock yarns. Find details about your yarn and see what others have made from it. No more guessing if it will work.

In addition to patterns and yarn info, you’ll find examples of finished projects, get details on yarns used and suggested changes. Someone else may be having the same issues as you with a pattern and you can find helpful insight.

You are required to sign up with an id and password but they NEVER send you unsolicited mail. Make your profile as private or as public as you like. Try it! You’ll like it.

Kobo/Kindle/E-reader case



Linda deB has been at it again. She brought along her cute Kindle case to a gathering. She has received permission to use the tutorial from the original blogger - Clearly Tangled.

Linda has added her own variations and includes her measurements for the new, smaller E-reader.

Clearly Tangled wants to see samples of our cases. So get the tutorial [HERE](#) and let’s show what we can do.

Quilters will realize that this small canvas is a perfect showcase for intricate piecing, appliqué or thread painting. It’s a great sized surface to try something new.

Sewing Day

Let’s get together again at Janice Meeking’s for a day of visiting and sewing. Joyce and Dawn will have kits for a new project that we think will be fun to work on and will sell well at BB&B. Materials and pattern will be supplied. Bring your own machine. Full details and other requirements will be sent when you register.

We have room for 8, so please register soon – try out the new online registration system! [HERE](#).

Hello. My name is . . .

We have all had the experience of forgetting names even sometimes for our family members. Did your mother ever call you by all your siblings’ names until she got it right?

We’ve been thinking we could use name tags at gatherings to help us get names straight. A regular stick-on or pin-on name tag is perfectly fine OR try your hand at a 15 minute name tag that tells others not just who you are but also a bit about you.

It can be knit, crocheted, pieced, fused, quilted, embroidered, paper-crafted or all or some of the above; fancy or plain. Have a bit of fun but spend no more than 15 or 20 minutes.

