



HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



MAY GATHERINGS

MAY 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. Stay on for the Growth Chart Demo. No registration

MAY 27

1:00 PM to 3:00PM at Leslie Buckle's.

3028 Utah Drive NW. Please RSVP at lesliejbuckle@gmail.com Stay after for the Growth Chart Demo by Roz and Joyce. No need to register.

MAY at a glance

May 8 - Wine Cork Trivet Workshop

May 12 - Sewing World Gathering and Growth Chart Demo.

May 20 - Caftan Workshop

May 25 - Clay Workshop Part 1.

May 27 - Gathering and Growth Chart Demo at Leslie's



*The Spring has sprung
The grass is rize.
I wonder where the birdies is?
The bird is on the wing I heard.
But that's absurd!
I always thought the wing was on the bird.*

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

SOMETHING NEW ON HANDCRAFTS PAGE

On May 1, the archived copies of the Monthly will move to the PATTERNS page. This page is password protected and for Members only because many designers have given us use of their work and we wish to respect their rights. Password in May E-News.

WINE CORK TRIVET WORKSHOP

Join Marilyn Simmons on May 8 at 1:15 PM to construct a variety of trivets all made from wine corks. What do you usually do with yours? [REGISTER HERE.](#)

GROWTH CHART DEMOS

Stay on after the May Gathering for a demo on growth charts. This item always sells out and Roz Cooper-Key and Joyce Goddard will talk about everything you need to know to make cute growth charts for BB&B. There may even be some kits available. No registration.

CLAY WORKSHOP PART 1.

Day one of a two-day workshop led by Tracy Franks. Last year we used and sold oodles of lovely ceramic buttons and jewelry made from the workshop products. And we had a ton of fun.

[DETAILS & REGISTER HERE.](#)

FABRIC & YARN SALE

We have collected many wonderful fabrics and yarns which will be made available at gatherings and as kits for those items that we know will appeal to BB&B shoppers.

Be sure to come along to a gathering to pick up your next project. At the top of our list will be kits and supplies for special gift bags for special gifts, placemats and pot holders, aprons, luscious scarves, cowls and shawls, stylish felted and fabric bags and purses and, of course, boot toppers.



KNIT NOTES



SEW WHAT?

'TWEEN RUFFLE SCARF

(For 10 years and older)



In the last two BB&B sales we sold LOTS of ruffle scarves. For adults, these scarves may have run their course BUT they are all the rage for the younger set. Pick bright, happy colours for these younger fashionistas.

YOU NEED

4.5mm needles

1 Ball Starbella Neon Premier Yarn (or any brightly colored ball of 'Ruffle' yarn). One ball makes two scarves measuring 2.5" x 42"

Needle and matching thread

DIRECTIONS

Pull out a length of yarn and open it up. The holes are at the top thinner edge of the yarn.

Count to the fourth hole from the left, then fold it in half over the next four holes, with the raw edge of the yarn to the back. You are overlapping the yarn for ease of working the end in late.

Insert the right needle into 4 of the double loops along the top edge, working from back to front. You will have 4 stitches on your needle.

Turn the needle clockwise and knit into each of the 4 stitches, using 1 consecutive hole in the strand of yarn for each stitch.

Continue knitting the 4 stitches, always turning clockwise as you go. This keeps the scarf going round in a circle.

Knit until scarf reaches 42". Bind off loosely.

Trim leaving a 3" tail. Take needle and thread, fold under the corner and tack the inside.

If you need visual instructions, try this [link](#).

PILLOWCASES GALORE!

Kids' pillowcases in bright, modern, cheerful fabrics sold well last year. They are easy to make with neatly sewn French seams and contrasting or coordinating top cuff and accent fabrics.



There are just a few basics for sewing a great pillowcase.

1. Wash and press all fabric before sewing.
2. Use thread that matches your fabric.
3. Use the tube method and french seams to enclose all raw edges.
4. Back stitch securely on the same stitching line.

There are many tube pillowcase tutorials, videos and patterns available on line. The first pillowcase may take a bit of time as you follow the instructions but after that it is a quick and easy evening project.

[HERE](#) is a short video that shows the tube technique and french seams. Forgive the presenter as she calls the pillowcase a quilt many times during the video. Her techniques are very good.

Or try [THIS LINK](#) for pictures and written instructions.

WHO CAN? WHY CAFTAN OF COURSE!

Some of you may remember Minnie Joldersma, our wandering UJAMAA GRANDMA who left Calgary for the wilds of Yellowknife. Well, she's back and lucky for us!

On May 20, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, join Minnie as she leads participants through the steps to make a caftan for BB&B.

There will be fabrics on hand so just bring along your sewing machine and the usual tools for straight line sewing.

In Minnie's words, "Caftans are fun because there's fairly instant gratification."

Register [HERE](#).

