

HANDCRAFTS BI-MONTHLY



MAY & JUNE AT A GLANCE

- ☐ **MAY 9-** Demo Day
- ☐ **MAY 11** - Knit Along
- ☐ **MAY 16-** Bag-ettes together.
- ☐ **MAY 25** - Fourth Thursday Gathering
- ☐ **MAY 28** - Clay Workshop Day 1
- ☐ **JUNE 10** - Knit in Public
- ☐ **JUNE 11** - Clay Workshop Day 2
- ☐ **JUNE 12** - Second Monday Gathering at Sewing World.
- ☐ **JUNE 13-** Bag-ettes together.

WORKSHOPS

HEADS, KNEES & TOES

WHEN: Thursday, May 11, 1000 AM to whenever. *Bring your lunch* if you want to knit all day.

WHERE: Edna Gardner's, 5908 Norfolk Drive N.W.

Coffee, snacks and yarn provided.

Please bring examples and copies of your favourite patterns - particularly for hats, toppers, socks, slippers.

CLAY WORKSHOP

May 28 & June 11. A two-day clay workshop from 1:00 to 4:00 PM both days. Make buttons, pendants, trivets. Room for 10 so sign up early. More info and [REGISTER](#).

KNIT IN PUBLIC

June 10. Watch for details on the web site and in June E-news.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

DEMO DAY - TUESDAY MAY 9

Mark the date because it is shaping up to be a great event with five demos conducted over the day.

Gay Walker will do a demo on colour theory and will use some of her quilts to demonstrate the various aspects of colour and managing colour.

Janet Barker will demonstrate machine appliqué with a focus on raw edge and turned edge applique.

Leigh Aquart will show us how to finish a bead-loomed bracelet with an adjustable closure and more.

Alice Campbell will delve into the magic world of TAATTUS - Two at a Time Toe Up Socks.

Carol Spring will be needle felting 3-D figures.

Every demo participant will be eligible for a demo prize draw and everyone in the door will have three ballots for several jammy door prizes.

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ART TRADING CARDS - ATC

Oh so sweet and what a treat, to make and get, the best thing yet. Consider making at least one to bring along to Demo Day so that every participant can take a memento home. ATCs are usually 2.5" x 3.5" and can be made from almost any medium. Get some great ideas for your card(s) [HERE](#).

WHAT SHOULD I MAKE?

The committee gets asked this all the time. Check the summary of the 2016 sale and What Sells on the web site [HANDCRAFTER RESOURCES](#). Each custodian has given a summary of the sale results and tips for new products.

On the following page, find some other ideas for projects that custodians KNOW will sell.

But keep in mind. "Make what you like. Make what you like to make. Love what you make".

KNIT NOTES

Wearable accessories are fashion-driven and what sold well in previous years may not sell this year. In targeting the younger buyer, knit and sew what is popular now.

The vintage/retro 70s look still seems to have appeal; try traditional looking wraps and shawls and luscious one-of-a-kind scarves, in all colours except pastels. Big cowls and knit infinity scarves appear to have had their day but fabric infinity scarves have had a consistent buyer for several years. We sell lots of these BUT we also have lots in our inventory so this year, try the skinny fabric scarves that are wound once around the neck and then tied nice and close to the neck.



The little scarves popular in the 50s have had a come back. So, what to do with those little bits of satin and silk fabric in fabulous colours? Try these silky bandanas.

The outdoor enthusiasts also wear bandanas, a simple fabric cowl worn in many different ways; from head to neck and even covering the face when skiing. The ones in the

store don't even have finished edges but ours will!

WORLD'S SIMPLEST MITTENS

Once the technique is mastered, this pattern provides a variety of sizing, from toddler to adults in a range of yarns and needle sizes. Consider adding a strand of sock yarn to another plain-coloured yarn to provide some interest in the knitting. Pattern by Tin Can Knits is free on RAVELRY. Test gauge and chose your size. How many variations can we produce?

BOOT TOPPERS

Do you wear boot toppers? Our customers do. Our entire boot topper inventory sold out last year! Toppers and cuffs are a quick, easy knit and there are many free patterns on RAVELRY. Search for free boot toppers. Meanwhile, here are two to get you started.

Two needle Boot Toppers/Cuffs - done in worsted weight yarn, the simple pattern creates a nice texture.



Frosting - done on two needles and worked in the round in a herringbone pattern.

Toppers done in neutral colours seem to be most popular. More patterns and yarn will be available at the HEADS, KNEES & TOES Knit Along, May 11.



SEW WHAT?

CRAYON ROLLUPS

Crayon rolls have been popular and can be made in several sizes, either single or double rolls. A hair elastic and a button are used to hold them closed. Vary it by using adult patterns and make it as a pencil roll up for modern adult colouring books. They make a great Christmas gift.



Rosey Corner Creations have an excellent tutorial to make a small crayon roll from two fat quarters and the rollup from Lissa includes a place for a small notebook. Cautiously Crafty makes a double crayon roll and their tutorial includes lots of helpful pictures.

CAR CARRIERS



Similar to crayon rolls, car carriers provide a way to carry cars and perhaps a play mat to keep the cars safe. This link will take you to an excellent tutorial showing how to make a quick and easy car carrier.

FINGER HOT PADS

Finger hot pads use up scraps of fabric and Crafty Asian Girl has a good tutorial showing how to make them. Use Insul Brite and a layer of regular batting to protect fingers.



QUILTED PLACEMATS

These need not be complicated. Follow this link to a tutorial to make simple but quite pretty placemats.

COASTERS

Mug rugs and wine bags with a matching set of wine glass coasters have also been popular and are fun to make. Make the coasters circular or square. A layer of batting or fleece makes them even better.

This link is a good place to start but let your own imagination run wild.

