



NOVEMBER GATHERINGS

NOVEMBER 9

10:00 AM to noon, Sewing World
136 71 Ave. SE in the upstairs
classroom.

If you wish, bring along a snack to
share. Remember to park in the rear
of the store. Please thank them for
their support when you shop.

NOVEMBER 26

1:00 to 3:00 PM, Royal Canadian
Legion, 606 38 Ave NE.

The Legion provides this venue to us
free. Do not bring food or beverages
in to the Legion. These are available
at their snack bar. Consider a food
bank donation as a thank you.

*NOVEMBER
at a glance*

NOVEMBER 9 -

Second Monday Gathering

NOVEMBER 26 -

Fourth Thursday
Gathering



Checkin' it twice.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

ODDS AND ENDS

The 2015 results are very impressive. Shoppers spent
money on many of the highest priced items at the sale
despite the current economic situation in Calgary. The
2014 gross of \$50,000 is a water mark for sure but this
year the sale grossed \$44,500 which is almost \$5,000
over the 2013 sale results. It was worth all the work.

Custodians are counting and sorting unsold
inventory to provide you with guidance for BB&B 2016!
In coming months, this info will be published here.

Let's all take a pat on the back. We're great!

SNEAKY

If you want to see SNEAK PEEK, it is still there. It's
just invisible. Go directly [HERE](#). Bookmark it for
future use if you like.

WISH LIST

This month, a tiny bit of self indulgence continues
with a Wish List for knitters and sewers. If you give and
receive gifts for any of the up-coming winter
celebrations, these suggestions may help you to compile
your wish list.

In fact, there are so many great ideas, there is an
extra page in this month's Handcrafts Monthly.

Print it, check off what you might need - or want -
and set it out somewhere obvious - the breakfast table
comes to mind. Included is a short list of local shops
with addresses to facilitate the shopper in the house. If
you want to add to our list of wishes, then [CLICK
HERE](#) and fill in the form. We will make the composite
list available for December on the Handcrafts page.



KNIT NOTES GIFT LIST

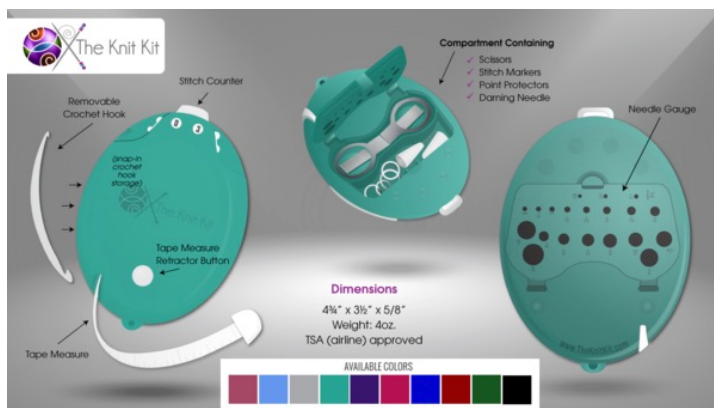
❑ Ball winder/Yarn swift

This pair makes winding skeins so easy and winding by hand is a pain - literally!

If you're only buying one, go with the swift because winding yarn without a swift, even when you have a winder, is no fun at all.



❑ Knit Kit



"The Swiss Army" tool for Knitters, has eight essential accessories for knitting on the go. The Knit Kit includes a crochet hook, locking counter, 5 ft. tape measure, stitch markers, darning needle, tip protectors, and collapsible scissors (TSA Compliant) in a durable, compact, easy-to-locate device. Everything needed for taking a project along. Buy one [HERE](#).

❑ Yarn Bowl (See photo page 1)

A yarn bowl, considered a luxury item by some, looks merely decorative, but is, in fact, very functional. A bowl provides a safe place for the ball to rest while it is being knit. They come in a staggering variety so look for one that suits the knitter's personality.

❑ Stitch Markers

Stitch markers help knitters keep their place in their knitting. They are incredibly useful and there's no such thing as too many stitch markers. They come in many different styles; simple, beaded, small reminders of a favorite food, fauna or flora. Great stocking stuffers.



❑ Project bags

Knitters, who take their projects with them, need a bag to keep that knitting safe. Bags come in many sizes, shapes and colours. Choose according to the knitter's taste but pay attention to size. Don't buy a tiny bag meant for socks if the knitter knits mostly sweaters - or vice versa!

❑ Blocking Board & Supplies

For many projects, when the knitting is done the blocking begins. This involves soaking the project and pinning it into the desired shape to dry. Without a blocking board, it lies on the floor or table until dry. With a board, once it's pinned, the project can be propped up out of the way. Add these blocking pins and a bottle of Euclan. Poof, you're a hero.



❑ Yarn

The first thing that comes to mind might be yarn but don't do it unless you know what your knitter wants. There's a chance you'll pick something they won't use. Get a gift certificate at one of the local shops.



THIS yarn is an exception for the knitter who likes fingering or lace weight yarn. Go to Lake Louise or Banff and get two balls of Qivuit (Muskox) in a wonderful colour. Poof, a hero again!

❑ CRAFTSY Classes

[CRAFTSY](#) has a class for a beginner who wants to learn more or an experienced knitter looking for something new; from knitting with beads to making toys. There is a wide range of classes for every skill level. If you're not sure which class to buy, give a gift certificate. You can time the email delivery, notice.

LOCAL CALGARY SHOPS:

[The Loop](#) - 1978 Kensington Road NW

[Gina Brown's](#) - 5718 1A Street SW

[Stash](#) - 1309 9 Avenue SE

[Pudding Yarn](#) - 1516 6 Street SW

At the east side of **Okotoks** interchange on Macleod Trail, visit [Shuttleworks](#) for all manner of supplies.



SEW WHAT GIFT LIST

FIRST CUT IT UP

☐ Ergonomic Rotary Cutter

At a certain point, holding a rotary cutter and applying the pressure needed gets painful. Ergonomically designed cutters provide pain-free cutting. No, they're not shrimp.



☐ Rotary Blade Sharpener

This little thing is a boon. Those super sharp rotary blades get dull eventually and cutting becomes a drag. Old blades can be nicely refinished with one of these. You can find them at Staples or any quilt shop.



☐ See-through Ruler & Cutting Guide

See-through rulers, marked in increments of 1/8th of an inch comes in many sizes. Peek in the sewing room to see what is missing though they do wear out so having two of a favourite size is a good thing.

☐ Scissors - Really, Really Good Scissors

Every sewer should have the best scissors they can afford and if they can't afford really great scissors then a new pair frequently does help. Gingher makes some great scissors as does Fiskar. If you can, get more than one size and style for multiple purposes.

HOLD IT TOGETHER

☐ Wonder Clips

Don't you just wonder? These handy little clips replace pins for sewing problem or delicate fabrics. They come in mini and jumbo packs. Don't be stingy.



SEW IT TOGETHER

☐ Thread Pack

Thread to the sewer and quilter is like flour to the baker or wood to the carpenter. You gotta have it. Somehow it is almost certain that the perfect colour is not in the thread box. Buy a case of favourite colours and solve that problem. Thread-loaded cases are available at local quilt and fabric shops.



PRESS IT

☐ Steam-chambered Iron

Speaking of pressing matters, all irons are not created equal. After the sewing machine and good cutting tools, an iron, with the ability to produce large amounts of steam, is the next most important item in the sewing room. Splurge and consider an Iron Maven - available online from [Reliable](#) or at local Laundry Stores.



☐ Pressing Aids

A board is not always the best surface for pressing. Sometimes it's necessary to get on a roll to produce the best pressed seams. There is a variety of pressing forms and supports.



THE OBVIOUS

☐ Fabric

Just as buying yarn for the knitter, buying fabric for the sewer can be counter-productive. So consider a gift certificate for one of the local fabric or quilting shops listed below. They all sell them. However, there is one exception here too. A very nice idea is a fabric pack. These are often comprised of fat quarters or fat eighths (Ask in the store and they will explain this to you.) They can be the same fabric in a variety of colours or a variety of different fabrics that all go together.

☐ CRAFTSY Classes

[CRAFTSY](#) has an online class for every level of sewing skill; from pattern drafting to sewing specialty fabrics or accessories. If you're not sure which class to buy, give a gift certificate. You can time the email delivery notice for the holiday.

LOCAL CALGARY SHOPS:

[Sewing World](#) - 136 71 Avenue SE

[My Sewing Room](#) - 8228 Macleod Trail SE

[Out of Hand](#) - 6449 Crowchild Trail SW. Oh my.

[Along Came Quilting](#) - 6432 1A Street SW

[l'oiseau](#) - A local online store where gift certificates are available.

In **Canmore**, and worth the drive, is [The Sugar Pine](#). They also carry yarn and other knitting supplies.