

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



SEPTEMBER GATHERINGS

Gathering - September 9

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.

Bring your finished items for BB&B for drop off.

Gathering - September 26

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Sharon Kimmel's, 114 Confederation Villas NW. Please email kimmels@shaw.ca to let her know you are coming. Access code is 01818.

Drop off for BB&B until 8:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER at a glance

September 9 - Gathering, 10:00 AM to noon at Sewing World.

September 22 - Online BB&B volunteer sign up goes live.

September 25 - Wild Women Workshop

September 26 - Gathering, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Sharon Kimmel's. Drop off for BB&B until 8:00 PM.

September 27 - Last date for product drop off in the south.

Photo left: Leafy Boot Cuff by Sylvia Leake of [Sleake Knits](http://SleakeKnits.com).

Link to this pattern [HERE](#) or in Ravelry.

Not free but almost - \$3.50 - and we have Sylvia's permission to sell items made from her patterns.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

We are going to the Calgary Farmers' Market!

On September 27 and 28 from 9:00 AM to 5:00PM, UJAMAA GRANDMAS will have a table at the market where we will be handing out brochures and business cards and advertising BB&B. This will be a participative undertaking, We will be approaching the public to tell them about us and our work. We will have a few samples on hand to entice buyers to come to the sale.

If you are interested in joining one of the board members for an hour or two on either of these days, please email webmaster@ujamaagrandmas.com.

Product Drop Off

BB&B, the culmination of our handcrafting efforts, is fast approaching on October 18 & 19.

We will collect your finished items at both of the September Gatherings and on September 26, Sharon will have her door open until 8:00 PM for drop offs after the gathering.

On September 27, Patty Cucman will be on hand to collect your items at 12204 Lake Louise Way SE from 10:00 AM until 5:00PM.

There is a great deal of work to do to get everything ready for the sale and items dropped off after these dates may not be included in the 2013 sale if pricing has already taken place.

We will do our very best to include them but if it is not possible, items will be held for the 2014 sale.



KNIT NOTES

Boot Toppers and Cuffs

Boot toppers and cuffs are all the rage. I've seen them in every colour, knit and crochet, fancy and plain. There are half a dozen in our inventory but if you are looking for a quick, fun project that doesn't take too much yarn, try a pair. We think we can sell some!

Log in to [Ravelry](#) and search for boot toppers or boot cuffs and filter by free patterns. You will get 49 examples of toppers and 111 of cuffs. Here are some you might try.



These Fair Isle cuffs are by Berroco yarns.

Fair Isle is not for everyone but this is a small project and they are so pretty.

Link to the free pattern [HERE](#) with no restrictions.



These buttoned toppers at right are by Allyson Dykhuisen with photo credit to Allyson as well.

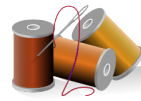
They are very easy and very cute and you have the fun of finding just the right button. Download the free Ravelry pattern [HERE](#).



This pair of crochet cuffs at left is by Jenny Dickens of Autumn Berry Crochet. Photo Credit to Autumn Berry too.

You can download the free pattern from Ravelry [HERE](#).

But don't take my word for it. Go to Ravelry and find one that you love. Remember, check for copyright!



SEW WHAT?

Wine bags from upholstery samples

SUPPLIES:

- One upholstery sample
- Grosgrain ribbon - 20 inches
- Matching thread, Contrasting decorative thread
- Size 90 (14) or Jean needle (16)

CONSTRUCTION:

1. CUT the bag 12x15 INCHES
2. SEW the bag
 - Using matching thread finish the top of the bag (one short end) with an overlock stitch or a standard overcast stitch. Trim off any frayed threads.
 - Now fold your bag right sides together with the long sides matching. Using the overlock stitch or a standard overcast stitch sew down the side and across the bottom. Trim off any frayed threads.
3. PREPARE THE HANDLES
 - Choose a decorative stitch on your machine and sew down the middle of the grosgrain ribbon. If you choose to use a decorative thread on the top you can use a regular thread on the bobbin. If your decorative thread shreds, slacken your top tension by turning it slightly in the direction of a smaller number.
 - Cut your grosgrain ribbon in half so you have two pieces, each 10 inches long.
4. ATTACH THE HANDLES
 - Turn the top hem and sew the handles to the bag.
 - With your bag still turned inside out roll a hem down about 3/4 inch and pin it in place. Turn your bag right side out.
 - The handles are attached 1 inch from the side of the bag. Turn the raw edge of the grosgrain ribbon under the hem and pin in place. (4 points of attachment)
 - When sewing the hem and handles, if possible, place the bag around the open arm of your machine with the right side out. Use the decorative thread on the top and regular thread on the bobbin. Sew the lower edge of the hem using a serpentine stitch or your decorative stitch. Using a similar stitch, now sew the top fold in place keeping the handles straight.



Voila!! All you require is a bottle of wine.

Joyce Goddard