



SEPTEMBER GATHERINGS

SEPTEMBER 14

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.

SEPTEMBER 24

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.

SEPTEMBER at a glance

SEPTEMBER 14 -

Second Monday Gathering at Sewing World

SEPTEMBER 24-

Fourth Thursday Gathering at The Royal Canadian Legion

OCTOBER 1 - Volunteer sign up opens

OCTOBER 2 & 3 - Final product drop off



Tick, Tock, Toe Table Topper.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

ARE YOU READY FOR DROP OFF?

This is our last month before the 2015 BB&B sale and Handcrafts Committee will be busy counting, labelling and organizing your contributions to get ready for pricing during the first weeks of October. The last of your items for this year's sale will be collected at the two September gatherings and as follows:

Friday, October 2nd from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Pick a location most convenient for you: South side - 13124 Bonaventure Drive SW. Dawn Bolger North side - 6 Varbow Pl. NW. Janice McDonald

If you miss this last date, please hold your items until after this sale. Custodians are very busy in these last weeks leading up to the sale. Accommodating late items is more difficult than you might imagine. Once pricing is completed, inventory is packed for transport to the sale and final counts and pricing are added to inventory

databases to enable us to provide feedback on what sells. We do hope you understand.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP - OCTOBER 1

Many of us love watching and participating in the frenzy that ensues at the culmination of the year's work. Seeing our customers excited about special finds is very rewarding for handcrafters and finding that something special to purchase is a treat. None of this can happen with out our dedicated volunteers who work before, during and after the sale.

Watch for sign up forms for sale volunteers on the REGISTER page on October 1. Details and shifts will be outlined at that time.

POSTERS

Word of mouth is our best advertising mechanism. Print and hand out some purse size posters to hand out at every opportunity. Download them from **HOME**.





LAST MINUTE KNIT PROJECTS.

BOOT TOPPERS.



Boot toppers and leggings are still hot. We can hardly keep them on the tables at the sale.

We have permission to use the patterns and ideas for boot toppers featured in

the <u>SEPTEMBER 2013 Handcrafts Monthly</u> or use one of Janice Meeking's favourite patterns posted <u>HERE</u>. If you find another pattern that you'd like to make, be sure to get permission to use it to sell.

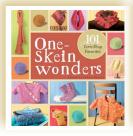
ONE-SKEIN QUICKIES

There are several terrific books available featuring oneskein projects. These include almost everything, from

hats, scarves and shawls to baby items.

Most knit up quickly and are satisfying projects to do in a short time frame. Check these out at the public library or use RAVELRY to search for these quick but attractive projects.







ADULT HATS

In the APRIL 2014 Handcrafts Monthly we included several additional sources for great hats. Check them out or use one of your tried and true. Make it fun or fashionable and use the best yarn you can access.



Just a closing word about yarn; last year we added LUXURY FIBRE labels and found that we were able to ask a premium price for these items and more than 90% of these items sold. So look for those yarns in our stash and use them to make one of these quickies.



SEW SPEEDY

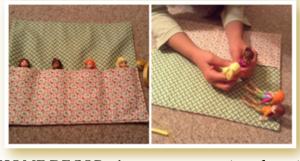
For sewing members, there are also appealing, quick-to-make projects for this last month before the sale.

For last-minute CHILDREN's items check <u>APRIL</u> <u>2014 Handcrafts Monthly</u> for great ideas like stylish baby bandanas, little man shoes and one other unique item.

Two-sided stroller blankets are a good seller. Use two cozy flannels and neatly serge or blanket stitch the edges in a pretty complimentary thread.

Another sell-out item is crayon wraps - with or without crayons - in bright, fun fabrics. Let's take the crayon roll one step further. How about a rollup for hot wheels or little dolls? Popular with moms and kiddos.





In HOME DECOR, there are many options for quick projects - stack and whack placemat sets, pot holders, simple table runners (reversible runners are a hit as they are so versatile), tea cozies, Christmas themed items, gift bags (kits available at gatherings). We know you can think of more.

Check the PATTERNS page for instructions for:

<u>Fabric Boxes</u> - These are great when made as nesting sets.

<u>Casserole Carriers</u> - Check the updated pattern instructions.

Gift Bags - Use the pattern for wine bags too.

Find a few dozen ideas for other quick-sew ideas <u>HERE</u>. It's an oldie but a goodie, loaded with great ideas like the game board table topper on page 1.