
In a Stitch Newsletter

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Ready, Set, Stitch

Fall is fast approaching and we all know what will follow that! It is time for you to get ready for those good for you hobbies that keep us entertained during the long cold days ahead. Whether you knit, quilt, sew, rug hook, or do any of the needle arts we have many new and interesting projects to get those creative juices flowing. New fabrics and yarns are arriving daily to brighten our shelves and our walls are covered with new samples. Bamboo/cotton knits, soft yoga pant and swim and action wear fabrics are just a few of our new fashion fabrics that have arrived. Several groups of new flannels are also on hand in a wide variety of colours and weights, great for quilting and cozy clothing.

Our class format has been revised and we are offering three new series of 2-hour workshops in quilting, sewing and needlework, as well as some of our regular hands-on classes and our popular block of the month programs. Whether you need help to start a new project or finish up something that has been haunting you for a while, we have a class to meet your needs. See complete details inside. Remember our friendly, knowledgeable staff is always on hand to help you with any questions you might have.

Always on the hunt for new projects, patterns and information we aim to keep our customers up to date with what is happening in the stitching world. We have listed some of the top products but there are many more including Marci Baker's new book "Oh My Stars" that is hot off the press. Don't forget Marci will be one of teachers at the 2010 Saskatchewan Stitches Conference held May 28 to June 6 at St. Peter's Abbey. If you have not yet experienced this exciting event watch for detailed brochures in January 2010. Many classes fill up quickly so don't delay registering. Check out the new colourways in many of our popular kits such as the Bargello and Floral Chain and we still have a few of the Remembrance Poppies kits available as well.

ON THE WEB

If you are interested in receiving our newsletter including our monthly e-news which will keep you up to date on new merchandise, class changes, new projects, special events and sale information, please provide us with your name and email address and we will add to our e-list. Send the information to haus.stitches@sasktel.net. We are now on facebook, sign up and join our group.

TOP 10 NEW PRODUCTS

1. **New Mini Ruler** from Square in a Square - perfect for cutting and trimming smaller blocks. Great new marks improve accuracy and the book includes 8 patterns and instructions for 4 options including option 39.
2. **Cutting Mat Cleaner** - this new tool removes thread and lint to prolong the life of your cutting matt.
3. **Manos del Uruguay** produces beautiful wool and wool/silk blend yarns in wonderful colours. Check out our supply of this new yarn hand made by women of Uruguay.
4. **Ring Lock Shears** – made in Italy – the advanced joint system eliminates the screw and blade twist with comfortable handles and anti-fatigue light blades. A must for every sewing room.
5. **Bendable Bright Light** - need a little more light on your sewing surface? This is the answer! It attaches into a non magnetic mount so it won't harm your machine's electronics and allows placement exactly where you need the light to be.
6. **Eco-Friendly Corn Batting**- Great for hand or machine quilting, easy to care for, washable, breathable, has superior softness and is safe for the planet and your family. It remains soft even after dense quilting and gives you warmth without bulk or weight.
7. **007 Bonding Agent** – Your secret weapon for fabric repair. A fusible powder that bonds fabrics together instantly. Can be washed, tumble-dried or dry cleaned and fabric stays soft and can be sewn through.
8. **Mechanical Fabric Pencils** from Fons and Porter – have leads made from water-soluble dyes that are great on dark fabrics and wash out easily. Remove marks without smudging by using the included eraser.
9. **Thread Control** – we have two case styles to keep your bobbins under control. As well, clear wrap for your spools will keep the thread where it should be and not tangled around other spools!!
10. **Indigo Moon** hand painted and hand dyed yarns are exclusive to only a few shops in Canada, including Haus of Stitches. These beautiful merino wool yarns are a big hit with knitters. Soft to touch and exciting to knit.

Advanced registration required at least one week prior to classes. Class prices do not include project supplies unless indicated. Supply list provided at time of registration. GST will be added to all class fees.

To register call 682 - 0772 or 1- 800- 344-6024.

We hope you will enjoy our new workshop series featuring 2- hour seminars covering a variety of subjects pertaining to sewing, quilting and needlework. Each seminar costs \$10.00 or you can sign up for any 10 for only \$75.00. Where materials and supplies are needed; they will be provided for use in class. Thursday classes will be held twice daily at 10 am and 7 pm and Saturday classes are at times specified only.

Sewing Workshop Series

1. Pattern and fabric facts – *Thursday October 8 – 10 am or 7 pm*
2. Making the most of your Sewing Machine - *Saturday October 17 – 1 – 3 pm*
3. Zippers, buttons and buttonholes – *Saturday December 12 – 10 am - noon*
4. Seam finishes, top stitching, pockets & hems – *Saturday December 12 – 1 – 3 pm*
5. Serger Know How – *Thursday November 26 or Saturday Jan 30 – 1- 3 pm*
6. Mending and Alterations -*Thursday October 29*
7. Sewing Lingerie - *Thursday Feb 11*
8. Needles, threads, feet and accessories – *Saturday February 6 – 1 – 3 pm*
9. Heirloom and decorative techniques – *Thursday February 4*
10. Sewing swim and action wear – *Saturday January 30 - 10 – noon*

Needlework Workshop Series

1. The basics of knitting – cast on to cast off - *Saturday Oct. 17 - 10 am – noon or Thurs. March 18*
2. Knitting in the round & pattern conversion – *Saturday January 16 - 10 – 12 noon*
3. Knitting to fit – *Thursday Nov 12*
4. Let's make socks – *Saturday November 21 or Jan 9 - 10 – 12 noon*
5. Making mittens – *Saturday November 21 or Jan 9 - 1 – 3 pm*
6. Two handed fair isle and knitting cables- *Saturday Jan 16 – 1 – 3 pm*
7. Felting techniques – *Thursday February 25*
8. Crochet basics – *Thursday January 14*
9. Punch needle and rug hooking – *Thursday November 5*
10. Problem solving and finishing techniques for knitters – *Thursday March 4*

Quilting Workshop Series

1. Basics of cutting and piecing – *Saturday Nov 7 – 1 – 3 pm or Thursday Jan 21*
2. Fabrics and colour theory – *Saturday Nov 14 – 10 am – 12 noon*
3. Traditional quilts easy methods – *Thursday October 15*
4. Curves and kaleidoscopes – *Thursday December 3*
5. 3D quilts – *Thursday November 19*
6. Appliqué methods – *Saturday January 2 – 1 – 3 pm*
7. Paper piecing techniques – *Thursday October 22*
8. Machine and hand quilting techniques –*Thurs Dec 10 or Saturday March 6 – 1 – 3 pm*
9. Putting it all together and adding borders – *Saturday September 26 or May 1*
10. Bindings batting and backing – *Saturday September 26 or May 1*

CLASSES FOR KIDS**Kids Learn to Sew**

This class teaches basic sewing theory for beginners while constructing a pair of pants or shorts.

October 8, 15, 22, 29 & Nov 5 - 4 - 6 pm **\$65.00**

Kids Learn to Knit and knit more!

Beginners make one of our easy beginner projects while experienced knitters may work on the project of their choice.

Starts Oct 15- 6:30 - 8:00 pm **\$45.00**

BEAR MAKING**Classic Bear**

Discover the joy of bear making with this introduction to the wonderful world of the teddy bears. This beginner bear class will take you through all the steps for making a 16" fully jointed, child-safe washable bear. Fee includes all supplies and fur.

October 24 - 8:30 am to 5:30 pm **\$125.00**

KNITTING**Easy Socks & Mittens**

Socks and Mitts are fast, easy projects you can take anywhere. Learn to make traditional socks from the top down using two circular needles or from the toe up. You won't believe how easy it is! Make mittens from our easy pattern that has no thumb gusset and fit perfectly. Learn all about creative mitt making including thrumming, felting and double knitting, (knitting 2 layers at one time).

*Oct. 20 & Nov. 3 OR Jan 19 & Feb 2
9am - noon OR 6-9pm* **\$40.00**

Learn To Knit and Knit Again

This hands on workshop is designed to get you knitting or refresh old skills. Participants will make the project of their choice. We have lots of easy projects and will cover all the basic skills including casting on, knitting, purling, and binding off.

*October 13, 20, & 27 OR January 12, 19, & 26
10am - noon OR 7 - 9 pm* **\$40.00**

Sit & Stitch

Having trouble getting your projects done, or just want to get out and enjoy the company of other stitchers? Our classroom is open each **Tuesday 10 am - noon and Thursday 6 - 9 pm** to anyone who would like to come and knit, crochet, hook or stitch. Bring your project, bring a friend. Join the fun.

Basic Sewing

This class will get you started sewing or sewing again. Learn about fabrics, patterns, machine use and garment construction as you complete a project of your choice.

Oct. 26 & Nov. 2 - 6 - 9 pm **\$60.00**

UFO - Let's Get it Done

Have unfinished projects started to take over your sewing room? Do they seem to be multiply while you are not looking! Take action; get help from our knowledgeable staff at our UFO afternoons.

Oct 31, Dec 5, Jan 23 & Mar 20 - 1 - 5 pm **\$10.00**

Chi Chi Raduik**Machine Quilting: Creative and Free Motion and How to quilt a Large quilt on a Regular Machine**

If you find it difficult to stitch a large quilt on your sewing machine, Chi Chi can help you simplify the job. You will learn practical lovely free motion designs that can be used on large quilts. Handout Fee \$10.00

September 19 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm **\$60.00**

Controlled Chaos (Advanced Machine Quilting)

A new look for Free Motion Quilting. Beautiful and intricate designs to solve many problems of what to quilt where! Learn to add a distinctive touch and accent that special area on your quilt. Learn many designs and techniques you will use when quilting backgrounds, borders, table runners and mats Your quilting projects absolutely fantastic and unique. Chi Chi's Free Motion Quilting book will be available for purchase.

September 20 - 9:30 am to 4:30 pm **\$60.00**

Quilt with Chi Chi - Join this master quilter and work on any of her designs, you will learn many quick and easy tricks she uses to make complicated designs look easy

September 18 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm **\$60.00**

Bird on a Wire - Block of the Month

We are offering two fun applique blocks of the month series - Lady Bug Lane - 10 month program

Magical Midnite - 6 month program

These blocks can be made into a quilt or individual wall hangings. Monthly cost is \$21.98 per block and includes pattern and all fabrics. Special pricing is available if you buy the complete set.

Prairie Patchworkers Quilt Guild meets 1st Tuesday of each month starting Sept. 1st. All levels of quilters are welcome including those who have never quilted before. For information call Beverley at 682-2931 or visit www.prairiepatchquiltguild.com

SISTERS OF THE SQUARE IN A SQUARE SOCIETY

Join the fun!! This is the way quilting is meant to be - fast, fun and fabulous. Our Block of the Month programs are an excellent way to explore the many options this ruler has to offer. Demonstrations last approximately 30 minutes. You can participate monthly by attending in store sessions or by mail. Programs start November 7 and run for 6 months.

Block of the Month "A"

Learn the options progressively each month while making 8" quilt blocks. *First Saturday of each month at 10:00 am* **\$15.00 per month**

Block of the Month "B"

This program has been completely revised and uses Jodi's newest group of fabrics. Make 12" blocks while you continue to learn new options with this great ruler. *First Saturday of each month at 11:00 am* **\$12.00/block or complete kit \$125.00**

UP COMING EVENTS

Open House and Demo Day - September 17

Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School - September 20 – 25 St. Peter's Abbey - Muenster

Knitting Camp

Image being able to knit without interruption in a peaceful, cozy atmosphere. Treat yourself to a relaxing weekend of knitting. New techniques, fresh ideas and knit, knit, knit.

Oct 2 - 4, 2009 Manitou Beach

Saskatoon Quilt Show - Oct. 23 – 24, 2009

Bra makers Cruise – Feb 20 – 28, 2010

Saskatchewan Stitches Conference

May 28 - June 6, 2010 St. Peter's Abbey – Muenster



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Watch for brochure in January, 2010

CONFIRMED CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS & INSTRUCTORS

Bra Making - Beverly Johnson

Quilting – Marci Baker, Chi Chi Raduik

Knitting - Sally Melville

Fibre Art – Bonny Voice, Jackie Van Fossen

Traditional Rug Hooking – Doris Fulmore

Sewing – Ron Collin, Jan Bones, Liz Thompson



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