

CALGARY SEWS

# NEWSLETTER

*Happy Holidays!*



RENEW OR SIGN-UP TODAY!

## 2026 Meetup Memberships

Interested in joining our Meetup group?



**Current 2025 members:** To renew for 2026, please e-transfer \$20 to CalgarySews@gmail.com by January 19. Members who do not remit their dues by that date will be removed from the Meetup group, though they'll continue to receive this newsletter unless they opt out. They may rejoin later at any time.

**New members:** Please request to join through the Meetup app (link). If you run into any issues, send us an email (calgarysews@gmail.com)

**We don't recommend Meetup premium membership.**

The \$20 you pay covers Meetup fees, and in our eyes, all members are equal.

## Charity Sewing

### A LITTLE SELFLESS SEWING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Would you like to do some charity sewing this winter? Calgary Sews will be collecting items for the following organisations:

- Pet Beds for Calgary pet charities
- Girls dresses for Dress A Girl Around the World
- Baby, toddler, kids, and adult garments for Made by Momma



Details on requested items are on our website. [CalgarySews.CA Charity Sewing](https://calgarysews.ca/charity-sewing)

We will collect items at the **February 21** Meetup. If you're not a Meetup member, contact us and we'll make arrangements to get your items or we'll give you a drop-off location. We've got a few weeks of cold and dark on the way ... great time to sew!

# Hot Tips for Sewists

## LITTLE TRICKS THAT MIGHT SAVE YOUR SANITY

**Store** your stay tapes, double-sided tape, wonder tape, etc. in a zip lock bag and keep it sealed.

- Our dry climate not only sucks the life out of our skin (and thread), it also shortens the life of these expensive notions!

Use **kids washable markers** instead of tracing paper. They wash out easily.

**Own a good reference book on sewing.** The Reader's Digest New Complete Guide to Sewing is a great book to have on hand when you are looking for the right way to do something.



## Colour of the Year for 2026

### OR PERHAPS IT'S THE NON-COLOUR OF THE YEAR?



Pantone has announced its Colour of the Year for 2026 and it is Cloud Dancer. More specifically, it's a shade of white (PANTONE 11-4201).

While the Colour of the Year is primarily targeted at Home Decor, it definitely winds its way through fashion. If you're interested in the intent and psychology behind the colour choice, check out Pantone's blog - [HERE](#).

For those of us who want a bit more colour (and fewer stain removal sticks), Pantone also pulled together the Top 10 Standout Colours from New York Fashion Week for Spring/Summer 2026. →



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## Local Spotlight

### OUT OF HAND QUILTING AND FABRICS

It's like finding a treasure! This store is filled with everything that sewists, crafters and quilters could ever want including quilting and garment fabric, notions, patterns, books, kits and more.



Located in the Lakeview shopping area, the store has been around for 25 years. But it's really been since 2021 when Jamie Trinier, former oil and gas engineer purchased the store, that it has become an important hub for crafters and sewists. She is also the co-founder of SewTites magnetic sewing pins which you'll find in store.

Garment sewists will be impressed with the carefully curated selection of fabric from denim and linen to silks, satin, velvet and lace to outerwear material. Crafters will find bag making hardware, a variety of wool crafting and embroidery supplies, embellishments and kits.

They also host very popular in-store classes. Four times a year, Canada's best known sewing teacher, Ron Collins, teaches Pattern Alternation, Ultimate Fitting & Sewing and a class on Quilted Sneakers. Other classes include bag making, beginner sewing and quilting.

**12-6449 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary**

Shop online or in person

M-F, 10 AM to 5:30 PM

Sat, 10 AM to 5 PM

(403) 217-4871

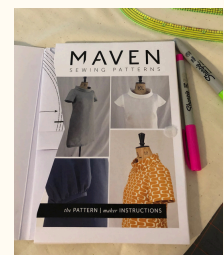
Visit: [outofhandquilting.com](https://outofhandquilting.com) to shop, sign up for classes or their weekly e-newsletter. The weekly newsletter always has at least one sewing tip!

## TNT Patterns? Favourite Pattern Companies?

### DON'T KEEP THEM A SECRET!

Over the winter, we want to use our Instagram account (1400 followers) to share favourite patterns and pattern designers with the broader Calgary sewing community. Everyone is always looking for a pattern that works, or a designer/pattern company that is doing interesting new things.

**We need your help with this!** Please share your favs by either sending info (and an optional photo) to [CalgarySews@gmail.com](mailto:CalgarySews@gmail.com) OR simply share with @CalgarySews on Instagram. No need to show your face or even have a presence on social media.



## Favourite Online Resources

### SEWING TREASURES

**[Closet Core Patterns](#)** – Based in Montreal, they feature professionally drafted patterns of timeless designs. They also offer classes and have an online fabric shop.

**[Blackbird Fabrics](#)** – Based in Vancouver, this online fabric store offers a range of modern, high-quality garment fabrics curated for sewists.

**[Sew Share](#)** – a community of sewists interested in learning new techniques, sharing fabric, pattern and notion resources, sharing advice and fostering a love for sewing. SewShare also is a marketplace for small indie pattern designers.

**[Catherine Sews \(YouTube\)](#)** – Catherine lives in British Columbia and recently retired as a high school sewing teacher. She shares tips for new projects, plus has plenty of creative ideas for how to hack patterns and remake thrifted garments. Because Catherine taught for so many years, she's a great instructor.

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## Discovery Fabrics Discount



**[Discovery Fabrics](#)** is on Vancouver Island. They specialise in technical and performance fabric for outdoors and activewear.



**DISCOVERY**  
FABRICS

### Calgary Sews Discount:

For orders over \$50:

10% off new customers, 5% off returning customers

Discount. Code: CALGARYSEWS

## Your Voice in the Calgary Sewing Community

This is your newsletter! Have a favourite fabric store, indie designer, pattern, or local sewist to spotlight? We'd love to hear about it. You can also share a short story, review, or reflection on your own sewing adventures — no need to be a professional writer, just share what you love!

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