

BIRCHBANK FARMS

2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49120

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Class Title: BEARLY SEWING
Category: Life Skills: Sewing
Grades: 4th grade – 12th grade
Levels: All levels
When: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm until 6:40 pm, starting Sept. 15, 2020
Where: Birchbank Farms
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PLEASE NOTE: CLASS DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE IF ANY CLASS MUST BE SPLIT UP TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND STUDENT SAFETY.

Class Description

The syllabus is a general guideline. Projects, skill goals and order may be changed to better suit the skill level of a particular class, a particular student, available mediums and supplies and weather. Each student will be required to finish an individual or group project before the end of Bearly Sewing.

Bearly Sewing is a multi level sewing course that will send beginners off feeling confident and advanced students challenged enough to keep them occupied. We will start with a basic pincushion bear, and allow access to patterns and design challenges right up through repurposing an old fur coat. Each student will work at their own level and finish as many projects as their abilities allow.

Some materials and supplies to be supplied by student including but not limited to:

- Sewing shears
- Bag of polly stuffing
- Appropriate fabrics
- Storage/plastic shoe box
- White button hole twist thread
- Thimble
- Fabric marking pen or pencil
- Fabric selections will be made per project and purchased by the student

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE**Semester 1**

1. Introduction. Felt Teddy Bear Pin cushion (Skill evaluation) . Presentation on the history of the Teddy Bear. Styles and appropriate fabrics with a "run down" on the project choices.
2. Pattern basics. Notes on pattern purchases, copies, cost, sources for free info. Copy offered pattern and cut (Beginners may be given the same pattern and asked to work in felt rather than a woven fabric. Advanced will be asked to work their way up to plush, pile or fur selections)
3. Arms
4. Legs
5. Body
6. Head
7. Head cont.
8. Assemble parts, 3 methods
9. Details and second bear option, pattern adjustments, photo 1st Bear for web site with "story".
10. Second bear construction
11. Second bear Construction continued.
12. Bonus Bear Ornaments/box

Semester 2

1. Introduction. Evolution of soft sculpture and sewing methods used. Plan for second semester work. Using bear as the basis, adjust for another style creature.
2. Draw pattern and select fabrics and review sewing skills required to complete. A "second" purpose for the piece will be discussed. Begin mock up of piece in felt.
3. Sew and complete mock up " bear". Adjust pattern. re-draw.
4. Cut actual creatures from fashion fabric and start construction. (create a story or plan for second purpose for second "bear")
5. Construction of arms.
6. Legs
7. Body
8. Head.
9. Assemble
10. Assemble continued
11. Photo and complete second purpose (gift, story, puppet, function)
12. Bonus floral soft sculpture.

Attendance / Tardy Policy/COVID and Illness Policy

Your student's attendance and participation in class are required. Illness and pre-approved absences, family emergencies and weather or pandemic related closures will be excused. Make up work for absences in excess of two classes will be assigned if necessary. Your student is required to attend at least 80% of the classes scheduled.

Late arrivals interrupt other student's learning and will not be tolerated on an ongoing basis. If your student has a scheduling conflict and requires some flexibility, we will try to work with you but this must be discussed with and approved by Ms. Frizzo in advance.

There is a ten minute passing period. Students will be expected to assist in clean up and respect the class schedule. All students should endeavor to arrive on time, ready to learn. All students will leave their coats and bags in the entryway. Separate hooks are provided. Shoes will be removed or sanitized at the door. Students will then be required to wash their hands prior to the start of class and again at the end of class. Students will not share supplies and will have a designated place to put their supplies. The classroom will be sanitized by the teacher in between each class.

IF THE STUDENT OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS/HER FAMILY HAS A FEVER OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE THEY SHOULD STAY HOME. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE AND RECEIVE TIMELY VACCINATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR CHICKEN POX AND THE FLU AND CORONAVIRUS, IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

Questions, please visit our website or send us an email.