

**BIRCHBANK FARMS**

**2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49120**

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**Class Title: SEWING: CREATIVE COSTUMING**  
**Category: Life Skills**  
**Grades: 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Levels: All levels**  
**When: Tuesdays at 10:30 am until 11:50 am, starting Sept. 15, 2020**  
**Where: Birchbank Farms**  
**1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49107**  
**Instructor: Janine Frizzo**  
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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**

From simple hand sewing techniques to advanced machine embroidery all skill levels accepted. We start with a tunic and design a costume for theatre, dynamic class presentations or just plain fun. First semester focuses on realistic human forms. Second semester focuses on fantasy and animal forms. Students will be expected to bring their own equipment, supplies, and fabric. A sewing machine is not required, but advanced students are encouraged to bring theirs and loaners are available for rental. All projects will have the option of completion without the use of a sewing machine. A list of required supplies will be provided on the first day.

This is usually a full year class but your student is welcome to join us for one or both semesters. Each semester consists of 12 sessions, each 1 hour and 20 minutes long.

### **Syllabus /Outline**

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 the semester for which information will be provided in the first class. Final project pictures will be displayed in the Gallery on our website.

### **SEMESTER 1**

1. (9/15/20) Intro/baseline work, student contact, hold harmless Assess skill level. Presentation on history of clothing Discuss options, and determine character to be created. Sketching of idea and basic tunic pattern discussed.
2. (9/22/20) (Beginners simple felt glued and sewn, Mid level machine sewn non stretch fabrics, adv. Historically accurate with persona documentation) Draw pattern plan. Work up "mock" mini costume on 18 inch doll.

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3. (9/29/20) Measure students. Work up an actual pattern. Determine fabric selections and research budget options. Students will be expected to purchase their own fabric this week for next class session. If used fabric is being recycled please wash before class.
4. (10/6/20) cut costume fabric to full size pattern
5. (10/13/20) Begin construction of costume
6. (10/20/20) cont.
7. (10/27/20) continue and finalize basic pieces.
8. (11/3/20) "dress rehearsal"
9. (11/10/20) (Final project photos taken for Birchbank Schools web site)
10. (11/17/20) Hats and headgear.
11. (11/24/20 Thanksgiving week) Shoes and other accessories
12. (12/1/20) bonus Sew a fabric box that flattens out for variety of uses. Glued felt for beginners , interface and quilt for adv.
13. Make- up class for Fall absence.... Read a story and design a costume for your favorite character. Bring your work to class to share.

### Semester 2

1. (1/12/21) intro, baseline work, student contact, hold harmless Discuss last semester and determine sewing skill level and areas needing attention. Presentation on famous animal costumes and analyze pieces and parts. Choose a character. Draw ideas up and start on mini for an 18 inch doll.
2. (1/19/21) Draw out pattern pieces on paper and work on mini.
3. (1/26/21) Measure students, draw out actual pattern pieces and figure fabric requirements/budget Purchase of fabric required for following class.
4. (2/2/21) Finish drafting actual pattern and cut fabric
5. (2/9/21) sewing begins on actual costume
6. (2/16/21) continued construction
7. (2/23/21) finalizing sewing.
8. (3/2/21) Dress rehearsal
9. (3/9/21) Final project photos taken for Birchbank School website
10. (3/16/21) Design a supporting character mini.
11. (3/23/21) Work up the mini
12. (3/30/21) Bonus Garden pouch/tool belt.

\*Make up class for Spring absence

### **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.

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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.**