



Student Susan Novrotsky works on a project at the YWCA's Craft Students League.

Back to school

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WHETHER you want to make something for yourself or you want to create a gift, this month there are many classes designed with the would-be home decorator in mind. And the best part? Little or no experience is necessary. After a one- or two-day class, you'll walk away with a new work of art for the home, as well as the skills to make more.

The folks at Sew Fast Sew Easy, a 35th Street store that offers classes, recently expanded their line of monthly sewing classes to include a "Hip Home Series," which offers beginner quilting and three different pillow-making classes.



Students at the YWCA create mosaics like this one.

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Livingston says they created the series to meet the demand of fans of home-makeover shows like "Trading Spaces." "Everybody comes in and says, 'I saw it on TV, so I figured I could do it myself,'" he says. The next one-day beginner pillow class will be held Nov. 15 and costs \$70, plus materials. If you have no sewing machine experience, Livingston advises you to take the Intro Sewing class, which costs \$70, materials included. Other classes, which run for two sessions, include "Beginner Quilting," \$90, and "Advanced Pillow" or "Bolster Pillow," both for \$95. (212) 268-4321, www.sewfastseweasy.com

Over at the Learning Annex, you'll be creating works of stained glass or decoupage in just a few hours. In "Learn the Art of Stained Glass in One Day," instructor Tommy "G" Giambusso, who has over 20 years' experience, will walk you through the steps from how to use a glass cutter to soldering and finishing a small project. Classes are available Nov. 22, or Dec. 6; the cost is \$199, plus a \$20 materials fee. (212) 371-0280, www.learningnexus.com.

For over 70 years, the Craft Students League of the YWCA has been offering classes in all of the major crafts. Coming up is the two-day "Introduction to Glass Mosaics" for beginners. The class is offered Nov. 15 and 22; the cost is \$175 for nonmembers, \$160 for members, plus \$25 materials fee. (212) 735-9805, or (212) 735-9732, www.ywcanyc.org