

Welcome to FAMM! (Checkouts, Classes, Tools, etc.) Please read FIRST. :)


 Christy Matte (she/her) · May 22, 2023 · [Notified 105 people](#)

FAMM stands for Fiber and Mixed Media. We are home to many of the arts and crafts that do not fall into other shops - sewing, embroidery, polymer clay, fine arts, screen printing, papermaking, etc.

Captain:

Judie Barnhill ( Judie)

Co-Captains




Dave Ruete ( Dave)

Rules

- Clean up after yourself. This includes wiping down tables, picking up scraps, returning items to their homes, and taking food trash out of the shop.
- Avoid leaving half-finished projects, personal tools/materials, etc., when leaving the shop for more than a few minutes.
- Use cutting mats for cutting and gluing (silicone or teflon) mats for gluing. Both are available in the shop. These are not interchangeable.
- Let someone know if something is broken, wonky, dirty, missing, running low, etc.
- If you use something consumable, please consider a small donation to help us replace it.
- Check into Basecamp for updates before using any of the larger tools.
- Don't bring in anything without permission. Don't remove anything without permission.
- Please do not alter any of FAMM's tools, furniture, physical space, or other gear without permission.

Required Training/Checkouts

At this time, there is no one checkout to use the FAMM space. Many of the tools in FAMM are available for anyone to use without specific training required. However, some tools require additional orientation/training for safe use. **We strongly recommend that you wait to get trained on a tool until you have a basic project in mind** – that way, your training is fresh on your mind when you are ready to begin.

- Basic sewing machine - ( Judie)
- Serger ( Judie)
- Industrial Sewing Machine ( Judie)

- Roland Ecosolvent Print and Cut ("Sticker Machine") ( Dave) - scheduled ~monthly
- Melco Embroidery Machine ( Judie) - See [🌟 Embroidery Machine Training Prep/Reference - Fiber & Mixed Media](#)
- Heat Press ( Judie)


*Please remember that we are ALL volunteers. We do our best to accommodate different scheduling needs, but we also have jobs, families, etc., and often make special trips to Lowell Make to do checkouts. Please be respectful of our time by showing up on time for your appointment.

Additional Tools

You are welcome to use these independently if you feel comfortable doing so. Ask for help if you need it, but YouTube is your friend. We have tools/supplies covering a wide range of activities, including:

- Polymer Clay
- Gel Plates
- Silhouette Cutters
- Embroidery needles/thread
- Simple Jewelry (findings, jump rings, basic tools)
- Crochet/Knitting
- Vinyl Plotter
- Basic Papermaking (blender/small mould/deckle)
- Microwave kiln
- Stamp carving
- Pyrography
- Button making
- Craft toaster oven and microwave
- Screen printing "machines" (hobby level)
- Cutting mats, rulers, paper cutters, markers, crayons, colored pencils, pastels, stamp pads, brayers, spray bottles, bone folders, etc.



By Request Classes


Want to learn a new skill? Have a night out with friends? We offer "by request" classes in a range of subjects. Ping  Christy to get more info or make a request.



Meetup


We also hold a casual meetup on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00-9:00pm in one of the upstairs meeting areas. This is a chance to bring whatever you're working on (preferably a quieter, low-mess project) and chat with other makers. Your project does not need to be FAMM-specific. We often have folks working on glazing ceramics, for example. We will also offer a review of a tool or maybe an area (ie. Weaving) that is under the FAMM umbrella.

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 May 22, 2023
Caroline Read
 Juliana

 May 23, 2023
Judith Wombwell
Is it possible to be trained in this area before the meetup?

 May 23, 2023
Christy Matte (she/her), Just Plain Maker
 Judith The meetup is open to everyone (including the public) with no training required. The list of training/checkout required is above with a link to the person who runs it. You can ping the person you need. If I'm misunderstanding what you're asking, though, please ping me and I can try to help.

 May 23, 2023
Judith Wombwell
Hi Christy,

I am interested in the Eco-printer and I think yo are the person who trains on that correct?

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Christy Matte (she/her), Just Plain Maker
 Judith Yes. There will be a training in June. I'm getting ready to schedule it, so I'll ping you later today.

 Christy Matte (she/her) **turned on** public link sharing for this message