

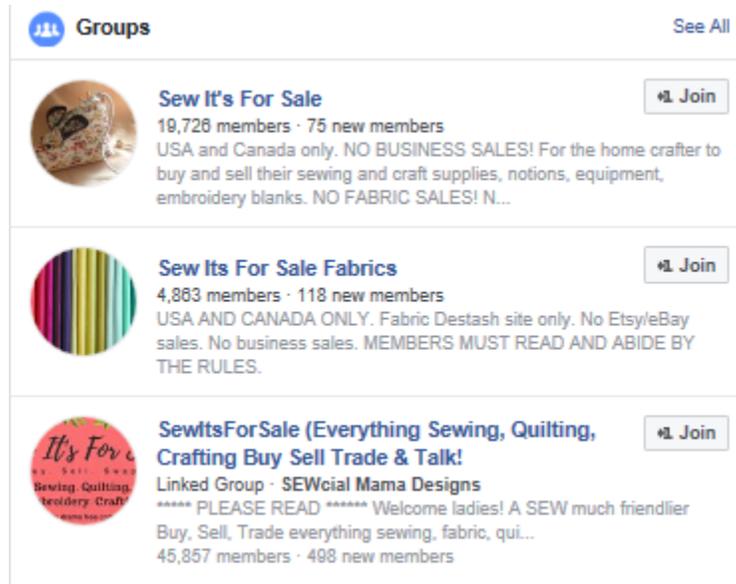
Sew It's For Sale - Now on Facebook - and still available through Yahoo Groups

You may have heard me talk about Sew It's for Sale, a great online buying & selling group for sewers, quilters, crafters and embroiderers. It's not a website but a group that you can join to buy and sell to others with like-minded interests. It's kind of a safer Craigslist dedicated to sewing, quilting, etc.

Sew It's for Sale is now on **Facebook** so I highly recommend you "Join".

You can see the 3 Groups listed below. Choose which you'd like or join all 3!

If you do Facebook, then you already know how it works. These three are great places for great deals!



The screenshot shows a Facebook Groups page with three groups listed. Each group has a profile picture, a name, member count, and a brief description. A 'Join' button is visible for each group.

- Sew It's For Sale**: 19,728 members - 75 new members. USA and Canada only. NO BUSINESS SALES! For the home crafter to buy and sell their sewing and craft supplies, notions, equipment, embroidery blanks. NO FABRIC SALES! N...
- Sew Its For Sale Fabrics**: 4,883 members - 118 new members. USA AND CANADA ONLY. Fabric Destash site only. No EtsyleBay sales. No business sales. MEMBERS MUST READ AND ABIDE BY THE RULES.
- SewitsForSale (Everything Sewing, Quilting, Crafting Buy Sell Trade & Talk!)**: Linked Group - SEWcial Mama Designs. ***** PLEASE READ ***** Welcome ladies! A SEW much friendlier Buy, Sell, Trade everything sewing, fabric, qui... 45,857 members - 498 new members

If you don't do Facebook, then continue reading. I'm including old Directions for Sew It's for Sale through Yahoo Groups. I'm not sure how much longer it will be around since most people use Facebook now....

Note: Yahoo has changed the way Groups works. Although it may be slightly different than the directions below, you should still have enough information to join and access Yahoo Groups.

Yahoo Groups

Yahoo Groups is a great free online resource where you can learn about most any subject! Whether it's a new skill or you just want to improve or share about one you already know, Yahoo Groups is the place to:

1. View and post pictures (Photos)
2. Ask questions, get or give answers and share comments (Messages, Post)
3. View or share techniques, resources, tutorials or learn about other blogs (Files, Messages, Post)
4. Discuss common problems and solutions (Messages, Post)
5. Meet and build relationships with others that have similar interests (Database, Messages, Post)
6. Participate in group swaps.
7. Join Buying and Selling Groups (Sew It's for Sale)
8. Join groups where people offer items for free or find people that want what you don't need - boxes, used furniture, TVs, electronics, etc. (FreeCycle)

Yahoo Groups Overview

You can be an active member by posting or be a 'lurker' by just following discussion 'threads', viewing pictures and taking advantage of resources provided. I recommend the 'lurker' approach to start with just to get a feel for the group and then contribute when you feel comfortable.

Yahoo Groups are fairly simple to join. You'll need a Yahoo Profile (sign up at www.yahoo.com) and an e-mail address. Some groups allow you to simply join (Public) giving you immediate access but others require approval (Moderated) which is a good thing for the buying & selling groups. This means members are more trustworthy since they know they can be kicked out. If a group requires membership, there's a section called 'Comment to Owner' where you're asked to share a comment about yourself and why you want to be a member.

Once you're accepted, you'll be e-mailed an acceptance and rules or guidelines of the group. (They should also be posted in the Files section.) Be sure to read them as some groups are pretty specific about posting. Some allow advertising but many don't so if you have a business, be sure to read about whether you can post your website, etsy site or eBay store or even mention that you sell items. This is something that can get you kicked out of a group and banned from others.

When joining, you'll have the option of Individual E-mail, Daily Digest, Special Notices or Web Only. I recommend Daily Digest as individual e-mails can get pretty overwhelming. Daily Digest combines up to 25 e-mails grouped in one e-mail making it easy to follow the 'threads'. Some groups, like embroidery and die cut groups, will offer free designs and they might require you to choose the Individual option. You can easily change settings so refine as needed. EX: If I joined an embroidery group and I'm just not into embroidery at the moment, I'll change my settings to Special Notices rather than unsubscribe from the group. That way, I'm still a member and can go look at files, photos, and messages on my own as well as get e-mailed about anything that's important.

Step by Step - Getting Started with Yahoo Groups

1. Go to www.groups.yahoo.com
2. In the "Find a group" box, type in a topic and click search. (quilting, sewing, embroidery, buying & selling crafts, genealogy, etc.)
3. Scroll down the list to find a group that you might like and click on it to read the description.
4. If it's one that you want to join then click "Join this Group". (If not, press 'Backspace' and select another group.)
5. Once you've clicked, "Join this Group", you'll see 3 steps.
6. **Step 1:** Contact Information - this includes your Yahoo Profile and your e-mail address. (If you don't have a Yahoo Profile set up, go to www.yahoo.com. Do that first by Clicking on Sign Up.)
7. If the group requires membership, there's a section called 'Comment to Owner' where you're asked to share about yourself and why you want to be a member. I usually write something like, "I'm a ____ (crafter, sewer, quilter) always looking for inspiration. A friend told me about this group & I'm hoping to be a member." Or for a buying/selling group, "I'm a ____ (crafter) looking for a great place to sell my stuff so I can buy more stuff! No long dissertations because you have a 20 character limit..."
8. **Step 2:** Message Delivery -Choose from Individual E-mail, Daily Digest, Special Notices or Web Only. Again, I recommend starting with Daily Digest to get a feel for the group and then make changes if necessary.
9. **Step 3:** Message Preference - I choose Fully Featured but click on Samples if you're not sure.
10. Type in the code provided (don't worry about upper/lower case) then click on Join.
11. If the group required a Comment, you'll see a Membership Pending screen. Click on 'Back to Yahoo Groups Home Page' and select another group to join if you like. You'll be notified by e-mail later confirming your membership.
12. If there's no approval needed, you'll go to the Member Confirmed' screen. Decide whether or not you want the Yahoo Toolbar then click continue. (I choose not to install the Yahoo Toolbar.)
13. You'll be taken to your group and can view photos, read or post messages, look in the Files for tutorials, etc.

There are all kinds of resources available online to learn about Yahoo Groups even including video tutorials. Go to www.google.com or www.yahoo.com or even www.youtube.com and type in 'yahoo groups tutorial'.

Specific Groups

Buying & Selling Groups

My favorite group is [Sew It's for Sale](#). It's kind of like a safe Craigslist made up of only sewers and quilters. There are other sites as well that offer a safer, focused alternative to Craigslist (if you join Moderated groups!). If you're looking for a specific book, someone may have an almost new copy for a great price. If you're a sewer with too much fabric, someone out there will be looking to take it off your hands if the price is right. These sites are a great alternative to dumping things off at Goodwill where it won't be appreciated.

Most groups have some structure that you're required to follow. It usually includes the following kinds of information:

- Smoking/Non Smoking household
- Pet/No Pet household
- Type of Payment accepted: PayPal, Money Order, etc.
- Item/Description
- Price & Shipping Cost
- Posting Photo Guidelines

Typically, you'll see posts that include:

FS = For Sale

ISO = In Search Of

Sold = Item is no longer available

Found = Once you've bought an item or are no longer looking for an item

Some groups are much more 'active' than others (# of members & activity level) but that doesn't always mean safer. I joined a group, 'A1CraftedItemForSale' which had 602 members, lots of activity and has been around for 13 years. It was full of dating and sex posts. It's also a Public group rather than a Moderated group so it's harder to keep the 'junk' away. If you end up joining a group like this, immediately choose 'Edit Group' then 'Leave Group'.

Another Recommended Group:

FreeCycle - This group was designed to keep the landfills from filling up with 'junk' that someone else might consider 'treasure'. If you've got moving boxes, someone will be want them. FreeCycle groups are local so the quality of groups vary. My Pensacola FreeCycle group is very active, constantly posting 'Offers'. But in other parts of the country they may not be very active or you may see an overwhelming amount of 'Wanted' posts.

Some terms & information used on FreeCycle:

Offer	Wanted	PPU = Pending Pick Up	Taken Received
Location (ex: downtown)	Pickup requirements	Contact options (e-mail or phone)	

I hope you find this information helpful and find some great Yahoo Groups with lots of inspiration and ideas!