

## Majestic Merino

## Denmark

**M**ajestic Merino has been catering to the stitching needs of Denmark for the past eight years. Known for its extensive knitting and patchwork supplies, the shop is owned by Gail Guthrie who got into the business originally by producing her own range of fine merino hand-knitting yarn to be sold from the farm. After the business moved to Denmark, Gail expanded into other crafts such as patchwork, embroidery, beading, paper crafts and art supplies.

Cross the threshold and you find yourself in a world of colour. Many quilts and jumpers hang from the rafters, while friendly staff stand by to encourage exploration of the various craft sections. Along with Gail, knowledgeable part-timers Jen and Shannyn also work in the shop. "Jen has a general background in craft, while Shannyn specialises more in painting and drawing," Gail says.



*The talented staff have many of their own designs on offer, such as this gorgeous cushion cover designed by Gail.*

True to its name, Majestic Merino's fine merino knitting yarn is still a specialist product, being available both retail and wholesale, but patchwork and parchment craft are not far behind. The shop has an excellent range of patchwork fabrics in various styles to satisfy any stitcher. Classes are available on a one, or two, to one basis on request.

### Local knowledge:

Denmark and its surrounds are part of the Wilderness Coast, which is a must for tourists. For something different, Gail coordinates the Stirling Range Fibre Weekend, held the weekend before Easter each year, at the Stirling Range Retreat, via Borden.

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## A Quilter's Studio

Kojonup

Located in the picturesque farming district three hours south of Perth is the beautiful township of Kojonup, where you will find the charming A Quilter's Studio.

Owner and manager Frankie Trouchet opened the delightful store nine years ago, turning her life-long passion for craft into something she could share with others.

It's all about colour and texture at A Quilter's Studio, and the shop stocks a great range of fabrics, specialising in the entire stunning range of Fossil Ferns. The shop also stocks wool and cotton battings, YLI variegated sewing threads, patterns and much more.

A Quilter's Studio is a favourite shopping destination among the locals and you can't help but notice the warm, community atmosphere as soon as you enter. Frankie loves getting involved in all levels in the community, from driving the school bus and contributing to local

fundraising to supporting the community's creativity by offering lessons and popular sewing nights.

Whether you're after a cuppa and a chat, help with calculations and design, or even a one-minute colour lesson, A Quilter's Studio is the place to go. Visitors from far and wide are sure to find this cosy store and its friendly regulars simply charming.

### Local knowledge:

From the famous rose maze and historical attractions to Aboriginal bush tucker and beautiful wines, there are so many things to do, see and taste at Kojonup you could easily spend a few days here.



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## Patch 'n' Paint for Pleasure

Narrogin

For fabulous kits and a huge selection of cotton and flannel fabrics, look no further than Patch 'N' Paint for Pleasure. The delightful store in the thriving town of Narrogin first opened in October, 2003, in partnership, and transferred to the sole control of Margaret Paternoster in December, 2009.

The well-stocked shop carries jelly rolls, layer cakes, charm squares and everything you may need for patchwork, along with a full range of Jo Sonja paints and a selected range of Americana paints, plus wood products suitable for painting. Pfaff and Singer sewing machines are also carried. There are many wonderful blocks of the month running, and a great range of books and patterns are available. Better yet, Margaret and her talented assistants Jenny and Barbara are always willing to make up a kit for any pattern they have in stock!



*The Toy Time Circus BOM, designed by Kookaburra Cottage, runs for eight months and is available at \$32 per month, plus p&h.*

There's always something happening in this cheerful shop. Friendship Fridays, a casual stitching event complete with morning tea and lunch, are always a hit and there are also regular workshops with visiting tutors, mystery weekends and folk art classes.

### Local knowledge:

"We are situated two hours south of Perth and just 30km off the main highway from Perth to Albany," Margaret says. "Narrogin hosts the annual Revheads weekend in November, which raises a considerable amount of money for local charities, and the Dryandra woodland attracts visitors to the area."

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## Craft Collections

Bunbury

✓ Visiting the charming Craft Collections situated in the heart of WA's Geographe region is like visiting a good friend. Glenys Keegan and her fabulous staff are always ready to greet you with a smile as you step inside, and you will feel right at home amongst the pleasing displays of stunning fabric and myriad colours. The happy chattering of customers makes a cheerful soundtrack while the smell of brewing coffee truly makes a visit to Craft Collections a feast for the senses.

Craft Collections has been around for 10 years and at its current location for four. Glenys has been a patchworker for many years and loves sharing her passion with others. "There are so many talented patchworkers and it's wonderful to be part of the process and help in any way I can," she says. Her staff are all talented individuals who bring something different to the shop's



excellent customer service, ensuring that you always get the best personalised service you could ask for.

Craft Collections sells everything relating to patchwork that you could possibly need, such as books, patterns, rulers and fabrics. "We are a specialty patchwork shop, selling just patchwork fabrics and associated products," Glenys says. "I display fabrics in their ranges and this seems very popular with my customers as it makes choosing fabrics easier." The shop has a huge, fully air-



conditioned classroom and runs regular classes in all aspects of patchwork.

**Local knowledge:**

"Bunbury is a fabulous place and we get lots of visitors," Glenys says. "We are on the ocean, so all water sports are enjoyed, and we are also close to the Margaret River wine area. There is something for everyone!"

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## Bunbury Sewing Centre

Bunbury

The wonderful Bunbury Sewing Centre is aptly named after the lovely port city in which it is located. Michele Johnston has owned the well-stocked shop for seven years and is still as driven by her love of sewing and teaching as ever.

Bunbury Sewing Centre has a joyous sociable atmosphere, in great part due to the

fantastic customer service it is well known for. Walk in and you will encounter the happy faces of both other customers and the friendly staff, as well as stunning displays and a world of amazing colour.

The shop specialises in sewing machines, overlockers, software and machine repairs, baby, patchwork fabric,

silk ribbons and general stitching supplies. "We have the largest range of machines in the local area," Michele says.

Particular focus is placed on classes at Bunbury Sewing Centre.

Michele prides herself on the quality of the classes offered, and these include software, patchwork and machine embroidery.

Mindful of the cooperative spirit of the crafting community, Bunbury Sewing Centre is keenly involved in the local community and currently supports the Lloyd Curzon National Breast Cancer Foundation quilting lines.

**Local knowledge:**

Bunbury is the third-largest city in WA and offers visitors a unique blend of natural and cultural experiences. Make sure you stop by Koombana Bay — its sheltered waters are home to over 100 bottlenose dolphins.

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