

MELBOURNE



Summer is always a wonderful time to pack up your bags and head off for a vacation. Melbourne offers plenty for visitors to see and do — from beautiful botanic gardens to Cook’s Cottage in the Fitzroy Gardens and there is always wonderful food and shopping to enjoy. Take a ride on the City Circle tram or venture out of the CBD to the famous St Kilda Beach.

Each year Melbourne plays host to the Australasian Quilt Convention. This year the convention will be held from April 29 to May 2 at the Royal Exhibition Building at Carlton Gardens. Even if you aren’t attending any workshops, the convention always has a wonderful selection of quilt displays to peruse.

If you are after quilt shops to visit, then we have some to recommend. Starting in Frankston our first stop is Patchwork Pumpkin, with its great range of patterns by owner Therese Hylton and fabrics. Next stop, just up the coast at Seaford, is Golly J where you will find everything in gollies you could desire.

Our tour takes us next to Attic Quilts in Berwick, a store with not only beautiful fabrics, threads and notions but also a vast

selection of lovely giftware. We swing by Lilly Patches now to check out their great range of fabrics and patterns.

The next two stops are close together — The Patchwork Fabricator in South Croydon, where Robyn Veeken offers a professional machine quilting service and digitised quilting patterns, and Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts in Croydon, which will satisfy your patchwork, quilting and sewing machine needs.

Recently relocated to Malvern East is Always Quilting. It’s the “Australian home of Aurifil, the fine Italian threads for patchwork, quilting, embroidery and textile art by hand and machine”.

If it is fabric you are after then head to GJ’s Discount Fabrics in Brunswick East.

We are going to slow the pace now and head to the fringe of the city to the picturesque location of Blue Willow Cottage in Werribee, where Rhonda and Chrissy will be only too happy to help you with your quilting quandary. And finally we finish our tour at Sunbury, home of Quilter’s Lane, where the staff pride themselves on offering “patchwork therapy”.

We hope to see you in Melbourne soon.

Patchwork Pumpkin

Location: Frankston

Owner: Therese

Best known for: Having helpful staff who love to assist customers with all their quilting needs

After many years of working in retail and teaching patchwork classes, Therese opened Patchwork Pumpkin in 2000. She has since expanded the business, taking over the shop next door so that she now has more space to run classes and the mail-order side of her business.

Patchwork Pumpkin is a colourful store with a relaxed atmosphere. The walls are decorated with samples from classes and new designs, and the small team of staff is keen to offer a warm welcome and friendly assistance.



Patchwork Pumpkin stocks a fantastic range of fabrics ranging in style from country prints through to brights, shabby chic and funky styles.

The store also carries the RuleSteady from Keep Quilting, hexagon papers from Patchwork with Busy Fingers, Dylon Dyes, Gütermann and Signature threads, J A Bonwick & Co quilting

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hoops, Matilda’s Own wool or cotton batting, Wonder Under fusible web and many other haberdashery items for quilters. A great range of classes, for all skill levels, is available.

Local knowledge: The Patchwork Pumpkin holds “Who Cares? We do!” days, where ladies bring their machines and the store provides a simple pattern and fabrics donated from suppliers. Together the ladies sew quilts that are donated to Victoria’s Royal Children’s Hospital. The group also sewed and donated quilts to the Black Saturday bushfire victims.



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Golly J

Location: Seaford

Owner: Julie Love

Best known for: An amazing range of adorable gollies

If you’ve been looking for a beautiful, handmade soft toy, either as a gift for a special little one, or as an accessory for your home décor, then take a trip to Golly J. Nestled in the picturesque coastal suburb of Seaford, Golly J is a lovely store, full of character and bursting at the seams with a huge collection of adorable handmade gollies as well as kits, patterns and supplies for making your very own.

Owner Julie Love translated her passion for making gollies into a business eight years ago and opened her store five years later. From the store Julie now runs great classes and sells everything you could ever possibly need for making gollies, as well as a great range of fabrics and craft supplies.

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absolute must-visit during your trip to Melbourne and you are bound to find plenty of gorgeous gollies you can’t resist adopting!

Local knowledge: While in Seaford, take a moment to get back to nature and stop by the Kananook Creek Reserve. The reserve follows the creek with a 6km walking track through native bushland.

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ph: (03) 9775 5159

email: golly@alphalink.com.au

website: http://gollyj.alphalink.com.au

Attic Quilts

Location: Berwick

Owner: Marcia Wulff

Best known for: Its pretty, feminine fabrics style.

Our next stop is Attic Quilts at Berwick. Owned by Marcia Wulff and run by a friendly team of six, this beautiful store is the perfect place to pick up some little treats for your girlfriends. The shop is decorated with a French chic influence in pretty pastels and florals, and specialises in all things girly with gorgeous gifts, fabrics, kits, patterns, books and notions.



Attic Quilts stocks a great range of fabrics from textile houses including Moda, Lecien, Thimbleberries, Maywood Studios and Max New. There is also a huge range

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of patterns and books available, including a great secondhand book section. All proceeds from the secondhand books are donated to local charities.

Classes are offered in all forms of patchwork and embroidery, six days a week. “Our staff have a vast knowledge of all things stitching, from fine embroidery to machine quilting,” Marcia says. “The girls are the fibre of the business because they all work so well together and love what they do.”

Local knowledge: “Berwick has a quaint little village atmosphere and is one of the last stops before travellers head off to Gippsland and all the activities that the area has to offer,” Marcia says.

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website: www.atticquilts.com.au



Antiques n Roses BOM lap quilt or wallhanging. \$25 per month over 10 months. Contact Attic Quilts for details.

Lilly Patches

Location: Boronia

Owner: June Wilson

Best known for: A colour wall that makes choosing fabrics easy.

Nestled at the foot of the Dandenongs is the popular tourist destination of Boronia, home to Lilly Patches. Owned and operated by June Wilson, Lilly Patches is a charming place to stop by to have a cuppa and linger amongst the beautiful quilt displays on offer.

Lilly Patches stocks a great range of fabrics including the Jinny Beyer palette, collections by Shadow Play, reproductions, Australian indigenous prints and so much more. All the fabrics are arranged by colour, making it easy for customers to choose a coordinating palette.



You'll also find a great selection of quilting notions, books and patterns for sale.

From the shop June runs classes in both machine and hand

techniques and all the quilts on display in the windows and on the walls are samples of the projects undertaken in workshops. June's classes cater for a



variety of skill levels and because she has worked with textiles all her working life, you know that under her tuition you are guaranteed to receive expert advice.

Local knowledge: Boronia is a leafy suburb at the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, with lovely views of the National Park and the city of Melbourne. At Boronia there are nature reserves and plenty of bike and walking trails to explore.

address: Shop 10 Boronia Village, 159 Boronia Road, Boronia Vic 3155

ph: (03) 9761 2088

email: info@lillypatches.com.au

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The Patchwork Fabricator

Location: Croydon South

Owners: Robyn and Peter Veeken

Best known for: Professional quilting services and patchwork classes.

Robyn Veeken had been offering a professional quilting service for 10 years when, in August 2009, she decided to expand the business into its own shop — The Patchwork Fabricator. From the store, Robyn continues to provide a fantastic quilting service with her Gammill longarm machine, as well as running a variety of patchwork classes catering for beginners right through to advanced patchworkers.

Decorated with a variety of beautiful quilts and often bustling with the happy noises of Robyn's patchwork students, The Patchwork Fabricator is a hive of activity and a fun place to visit. Robyn says passersby are often fascinated by the sight of her trusty Gammill machine in the window, quilting away on a project. "Men are especially intrigued with the sheer size of the machine and the technical aspects," she says.

A great range of backing fabrics, batting, patchwork kits and quilts is also available for purchase.



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Local knowledge: While you are in Croydon take a look at the Wyreena Community Arts Centre located on Hull Road. The centre is set around two historical homes and features an art gallery, craft shop, artists' studio, community radio station and tearooms — the perfect place to stop by for a rest after a long morning of shopping!

address: Shop 31, The Mall, Croydon South Vic 3136

ph: (03) 8711 3451

website: www.fabpatchwork.com.au and www.myquiltingpatterns.com

Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts

Location: Croydon

Owner: Marg and Linda

Best known for: Always giving a warm welcome and having a friendly atmosphere



Owned and operated by mother-and-daughter team Marg and Linda, Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts has been in business for over six years. "The shop started with more giftware than patchwork fabrics but over the years the fabric has multiplied and taken over!" Linda says. The store now stocks a large

selection of batiks, hand-dyes, Japanese designs, florals and fillers. It also carries notions, books, trims, buttons, braids, lace and patterns for quilts, dolls and bags.

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Marg and Linda run a great range of classes in patchwork, embroidery, candlewicking, bag making, machine quilting and 3D embroidery as well as weekly friendship classes, where participants gather to sew and chat.

Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts is an extremely friendly place to shop and you can't help but feel at home as soon as you enter the store.

Local knowledge: Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts participates in the Outer Eastern Fabric Frolic, which starts January 22 and runs for two weeks. There are eight shops involved and all involved in the event offer specials such as free patterns to all taking part in the event.

"Customers come from interstate to participate in the frolic," Linda says. "First prize for the lucky person drawn in the frolic wins a sewing machine."

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website: www.missymoo.com.au



Bohemian Bali Sack bag by Common Thread Designs, pattern available from Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts. Contact Missy-Moo Cottage Crafts for details.

Always Quilting

Location: Malvern East

Owner: Jenny Scott

Best known for: Being the wholesale distributor of Aurifil thread.

When Jenny Scott began her business in 1999 as a professional quilting service, she quickly found that she was limited by the variety of quality threads available in Australia. "As I had always used 100 per cent cotton thread on my own quilts, I wanted to offer the same quality to my customers," Jenny explains. In 2001 Jenny started importing and distributing Aurifil threads from Italy herself and, from there, Always Quilting blossomed.

On top of a mail-order service, Always Quilting continues to run a professional quilting service and has also opened a showroom for its collection of beautiful Aurifil threads. Here



you'll find the cotton Mako, Lana wool blend, Aurifil satin finished polyester and Brillo metallic thread ranges, all from Aurifil.

The quilting studio also stocks a great range of backing fabrics, battings,

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quilt labels, fabric pens, quilt hangers, gift cards and gifts for textile enthusiasts. Customised patchwork and binding classes and a colour matching service are available, too. The showroom is open to the public on Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm and other weekdays by prior arrangement.

Local knowledge: Always Quilting is located just 200m from the Malvern East railway station, on the Glen Waverley Line.

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fax: (03) 9569 2227

email: thread@alwaysquilting.com.au

website: www.alwaysquilting.com.au



Aurifil Cotton Mako threads available from Always Quilting. Contact Always Quilting for details.

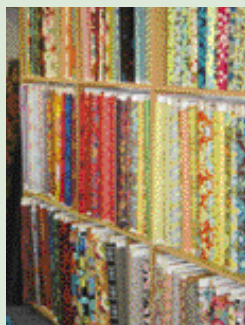
GJ's Discount Fabrics

Location: Brunswick East

Owner: Georgia

Best known for: Stocking a diverse range of fabrics including everything from patchwork fabrics to dance materials.

Situated on Lygon Street, not far from Melbourne's CBD, is GJ's Discount Fabrics. You're sure to be blown away by this fantastic store, where you'll find a wonderful range of fabrics including collections by Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, Michael Miller and Northcott. The range of prints and styles available is also breathtaking with spots, retros, pretty florals, shabby chic, 1930s, flannels, Aboriginal designs and so much more available.



GJ's Discount fabrics caters for just about every sewing need

— from beautiful fashion fabrics to a great selection of dance fabrics and glitter — but it is the patchwork section that will truly amaze you. GJ's Discount Fabrics is a paradise for any patchwork fanatic.

Upstairs you'll find a large patchwork area offering customers more than 7000 bolts of patchwork fabrics and a huge collection of battings and backings. The range at GJ's Discount Fabrics is nothing short of incredible so no matter what your taste or which project you are undertaking, you're bound to find what you're looking for here.

Local knowledge: Lygon Street is one of Melbourne's most popular food precincts and home to a wonderful collection of Italian restaurants.

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Blue Willow Cottage

Location: Werribee South

Owner: Christine Dellios and Rhonda Leith

Best known for: Original designs in patchwork patterns and kits.

Nestled at Werribee South, at the end of a long driveway and surrounded by a broccoli patch, you'll find a gorgeous 104-year-old cottage, where two passionate quilters spend their days sewing. Christine Dellios and Rhonda Leith have owned and operated Blue Willow Cottage for almost 10 years. The business first began when the ladies, with a passion for crafts, decided their township needed a place to gather and create.

Blue Willow Cottage carries an ever-changing range of stock, mostly with a country theme. There is also a huge range of original patchwork patterns and kits available, all designed by Chrissie and Rhonda on-site.

Whether they are packing up for a show, gathering with a group of girls, or designing beautiful new creations, you can always hear the happy sound of giggles as you come

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up the driveway. On top of the great range of stock for sale, they have a wonderful collection of collectibles well worth a sticky beak and you might even be lucky enough to get one of Rhonda's famous butterscotch scones!

Local knowledge: “We are situated on a working farm in Werribee South, 5km from the beach and 10km from the historic Werribee Park Mansion and the famous Werribee Open Range Zoo,” Chrissie says.

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ph: (03) 9742 1905

email: enquiries@bluewillowcottage.com.au

website: www.bluewillowcottage.com.au

Quilter's Lane

Location: Sunbury

Owner: Nada

Best known for: Providing much-needed “patchwork therapy”.

Owner and manager of Quilter's Lane, Nada, has been sewing since she was just five years old. This long-lasting passion has driven her to create a wonderful store filled with beautiful products, enthusiastic staff and a warm, friendly atmosphere, conducive to creativity.

At Quilter's Lane they believe in “patchwork therapy”. The whole team strives to make your experience in their store wonderful, right from the very start, when you are greeted with a warm welcome.

Quilter's Lane carries a great range with over 1000 bolts of fabric, patterns, kits, books, haberdashery, batting, threads and buttons. Classes are held Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, where participants can take along their own projects or some fabrics and have the girls help them to create a unique design. Every second Thursday Quilter's Lane also runs a charity quilt group and Tuesday is “Sit and Sew” day, where anyone is welcome to bring their sewing along for stitching and socialising.

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If you're in need of a little “patchwork therapy” Quilter's Lane is certainly the place to go. With its lovely product range and friendly staff full of fresh ideas and creativity, this store will always leave you feeling inspired.

Local knowledge: Sunbury is an historic wine region with vineyards dating back to the 1850s and many historic buildings, including Victoria's oldest homestead, Emu Bottom, built in 1836. It is also believed that Sunbury is the location of the first-ever Ashes cricket match.

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