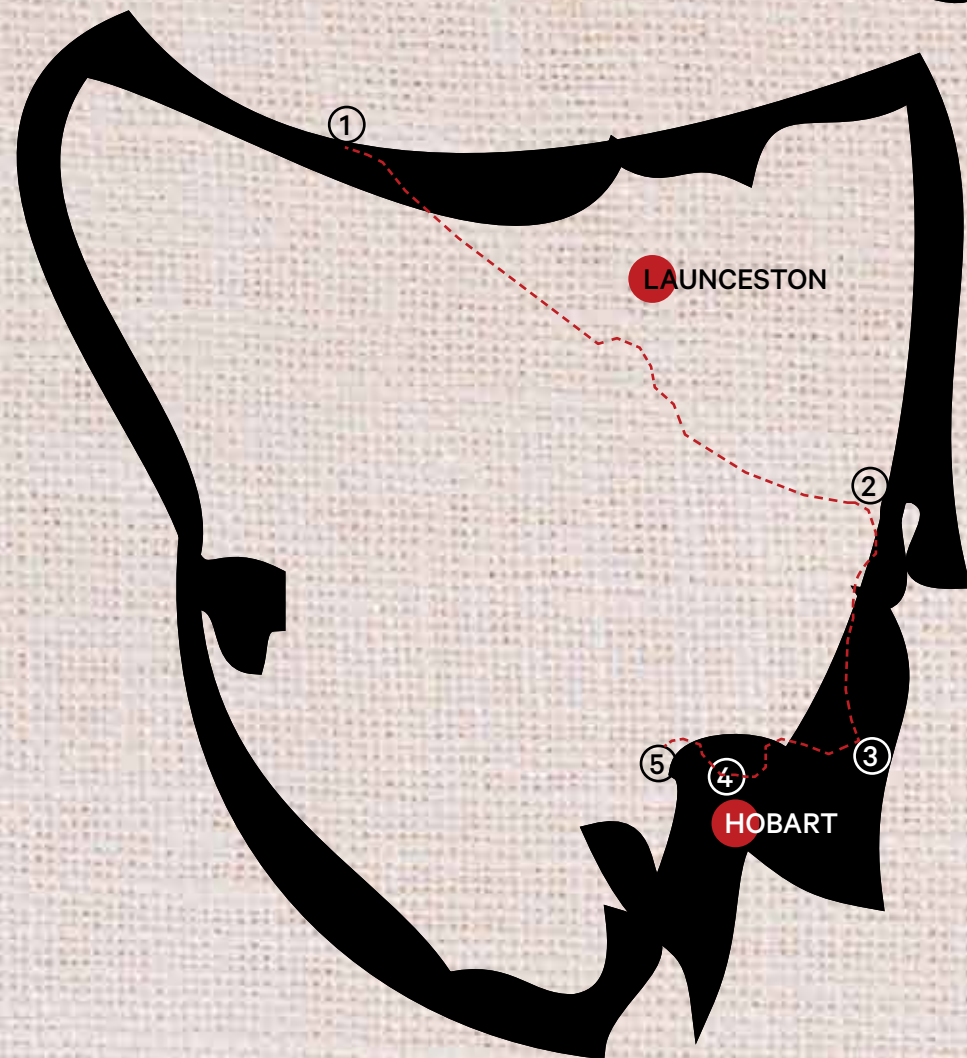


On the road

CRAFTY STOP-OFFS IN TASMANIA



1. Ulverstone CRANBERRY CRAFTS

Where's Ulverstone: Situated in Northern Tasmania, overlooking Bass Strait, with many of the nearby towns and seaside villages known for their local produce and thriving arts and crafts scenes.

Where in Ulverstone: 71 Reibey Street. This is the town centre and filled with great shops. Travelling east from Main Street, turn left at Alexandra Road, then right into Reibey Street. If you're coming from the west, cross the Hobbs Parade bridge over the Leven River, turn left at the roundabout heading towards the town centre and right into Reibey Street. Cranberry Crafts is just on the left at the Reibey Street and Victoria Street intersection.

Who plays host: Lynne Morrison.

Worth visiting because: What was once an old bank building is now a thriving and well-organised shop packed with all sorts of crafty goodies, and the only store of its kind in northern Tasmania. You'll be greeted by a rainbow of colour from the displays of threads and quilts. We have a fantastic range of specialty threads for needlework, top-of-the-range quilting fabrics, interesting knitting and crochet yarns and bobbin lacemaking supplies – so much to inspire you. When browsing through the huge range of 100 per cent cotton fabrics, finding the right hue will be easy with fabrics arranged in colourways. You will find a beautiful selection of oriental prints and a rainbow of batiks, as well as fabric designs for all ages. Embroiderers will find a good range of linens (even weaves) and specialty threads for many different types of needlework. There is also a mail order service or online shopping for those who can't visit or who forgot to pick something up in store.

What we recommend: We offer a range of classes in knitting, crochet, bag



making and doll making, and other sewing crafts, so come and join in the fun and learn some new techniques while you're at it.

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2. Swansea BEAR COTTAGE CRAFTS

Where's Swansea: Located on the fabulous east coast of Tasmania overlooking Great Oyster Bay and the iconic Freycinet Peninsula and National Park, Swansea is the gateway to many other locations on the east coast and is famous for locally grown wines, walnuts and olives.

Where in Swansea: 18 A Franklin Street. Travel along the Tasman Highway from either north or south and through Swansea. The highway changes to Franklin and Victoria Streets. We're overlooking the ocean in a sweet little cottage — you really can't miss us.

Who plays host: Vivianne Lewis.

Worth visiting because: You'll find a very appealing and eclectic range in our cute shop. We have a good range of fabulous cards, homewares, jewellery, scarves, and that very special gift you have been looking for. We also offer free gift wrapping for in-store purchases. Of course, we wouldn't be a craft store without our patchwork and quilting fabrics, ribbons, and we also have matching Madeira embroidery floss and sewing threads so you've got it all in one place. While we might not be the typical craft shop, we love to offer our customers a more general shopping experience and of course, our view is to die for and the location is second to none, so you really shouldn't miss out on a visit during your travels.

What we recommend: Fresh flowers are available daily and can be delivered within the village. Don't forget our interesting range of 100 per cent cotton patch working and quilting fabrics, currently discounted by 25 per cent.



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3. Triabunna SUFF'S FOR CRAFT & CHRISTMAS

Where's Triabunna: On the south-east coast of Tasmania, approximately one-and-a-quarter hours from Hobart.

Where in Triabunna: 26 Vicary Street. We're on the main intersection in the town centre, just off the Tasman Highway. Turn left off the highway if you're travelling south, or right if you're heading north.

Who plays host: Pat Bell.

Worth visiting because: For the past 18 years, Pat has been looking after the crafters of the busy fishing port as a retirement occupation. "I always intended to have a craft shop for my retirement," Pat says. "I have loved craft and sewing since I was at school!" We are well known throughout Tasmania for our fabulous year-round range of Christmas decorations and a remarkable selection of more than 1000 bolts of patchwork fabric. The combination gets quite a response from visitors to the store. With our four rooms of decorations, a fabric room and a craft room, it is no surprise that most of our customers can't help but say "Wow" when they first visit. On the last Saturday of the month, from March to October, we hold a sewing day where a small project can be completed with help from experienced quilters. We're open seven days a week (except Christmas Day), from 10am to 4pm. Larger groups/bus tours are welcome by appointment.

What we recommend: While we have a huge selection of all sorts of fabrics, you really can't go past our Christmas selections — after all, it's what we're named for!

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4. New Town THE QUILTED CROW

Where's New Town: A suburb of Hobart, just a five-minute drive from the CBD on the shores of the Derwent River.

Where in New Town: The Old Church, corner of Cross Street and Main Road. We're housed in a beautiful old sandstone church built in 1865. We're very easy to find; travel north from the CBD on Elizabeth Street, this road then becomes Main Road and you will find us on the corner of Main Road and Cross Street. You can catch the Glenorchy bus from the bus mall in town and get off at stop 13, which is right outside our door.

Who plays host: Leonie Bateman and Deirdre Bond-Abel.

Worth visiting because: We specialise in reproduction cotton prints and felted woven wool. We always order full ranges of Judie Rothermel, Jo Morton, Betsy Chutchian, Paula Barnes and other reproduction fabric designers so you will have plenty to choose from. All of our cotton prints are priced between \$18 and \$21 per metre. Our other great love is felted woven wool, of which we are Australia's largest supplier. We have a beautiful range of solid colours on the bolt as well as a huge variety of textures and patterned hand dyes. Prices for the different wools range from \$5 to \$14 a piece or \$85 per metre. We have gorgeous mixed bundles of wool for \$42 and \$49.50. For your thread needs, we have Aurifil No. 28 threads and we have boxed sets that have been specially matched to the colours of our felted woven wools. Pack A matches our commercial-dyed wool or Pack B matches our hand-dyed wool, and both packs have 12 gorgeous colours. We also hold regular workshops featuring our own designs as well as



other Australian and international designers. Visit our website to check out our range if you can't visit us in store.

What we recommend: We are all about felted woven wool. We have more than 50 designs in our pattern range that combine felted woven wool and cotton prints, for every one of every skill level. We also have our own book, *Elegant Quilts, Country Charm*, featuring 11 designs worked in our two favourite mediums, felted woven wool and reproduction cotton prints. The book is on the bestseller list and retails for \$42.

Address: The Old Church, cnr Cross Street and Main Road, New Town Tas 7008 **Phone:** (03) 6228 3319 **Email:** thequiltedcrow@dodo.com.au

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5. New Norfolk PATCHWORK CAFE / PATCHWORK IN THE WILLOWS

Where's New Norfolk: About 30 minutes out of Hobart heading towards Strahan.

Where in New Norfolk: 15 George Street, Willow Court. Heading west, at the Welcome to New Norfolk sign, take the first left into Glebe Road, then take the first right, about 1km, at The Avenue. Travel until you see the sign for Patchwork Cafe inside the Willow Court Complex.

Who plays host: Bernie and Janine Clifford.

Worth visiting because: We are set in the oldest part of Willow Court, which was the oldest asylum in Tasmania. We don't only supply fabrics for quilters — we also have a cafe which has become well known among quilting groups and locals. We stock a large range of patterns, some from local designers, a beautiful selection of Moda fabrics and Madeira threads. There is a range of giftware and colourful quilts on display. Come in and see the range of fantastic designer aprons, designed by Lisa North. Also available in kits are the gorgeous Cow Quilt (pictured) and Home Sweet Home. You can also like us on Facebook.

What we recommend: Come in and enjoy a relaxing cup of our award-winning coffee or maybe a light lunch in the quaint Nurse's Chapel, then browse our beautiful range of fabrics, which are located in the old nurses' quarters.

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