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CRAFTY STOP-OFFS IN
SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND



1. Tallebudgera FIFT'S FABRICOLOGY

Where's Tallebudgera: At the southern end of the Gold Coast, nestled in the lush green Tallebudgera Valley, about 10 minutes from Currumbin Beach and 15 minutes from Coolangatta Airport.

Where in Tallebudgera: 64d Trees Road. Heading north on the Pacific Highway, take exit 89, then wrap around under the highway and turn right to join Tallebudgera Creek Road heading south. Continue down Tallebudgera Creek Road until you come to the left turn into Tallebudgera Connection Road, continue until you reach the roundabout and take the Trees Road exit.

Who plays host: Fiona Wright.

Worth visiting because: Come in store and browse through our 9000 fabrics and our entire patchwork range on offer. Living in sub-tropical Queensland has a strong influence on the palette selections in the shop so we naturally have a lot of bright modern fabrics. We have an extensive range of Kaffe Fassett, Brandon Mably, Amy Butler, Jennifer Paganelli, Tanya Whelan, Jane Sassaman, Moda's Bonnie and Camille, French General, as well as Queensland's biggest range of the gorgeous Tilda fabrics, books and accessories. You'll also find plenty of books, patterns and threads for your sewing and embroidery needs, as well as loads of haberdashery.

What we recommend: We just love our huge range of fabrics, so check them out online at www.fifisfabricology.com.au or drop in the store, Thurs-Sat 9am-4pm.

Address: 64d Trees Road, Tallebudgera, Qld 4228

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2. Toowoomba PRECIOUS TIME

Where's Toowoomba: The beautiful garden city of Toowoomba is just over an hour west of Brisbane.

Where in Toowoomba: 29 David Street. Our sweet little shop is on the corner of David and Holberton Streets. Turn off the New England Highway into Griffiths Street and continue down until it changes to Hogg Street, then turn left into Holberton Street.

Who plays host: Lisa Zimmerman

Worth visiting because: We stock the latest inspiring designs by Blackbird Designs, Three Sisters, American Jane, Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler and Urban Chick, to name a few, and ranges from Moda, Free Spirit, Hoffman Bali and Timeless Treasures among others - there is something to suit all tastes. We also have patterns from some of the industry's biggest names, including Blackbird Designs, American Jane and Anka's Treasures and some of Australia's most well-known designers, including Kookaburra Cottage, Melly and Me, Hatched and Patched and Rosalie Quinlan. Our friendly staff will always be more than happy to lend a hand and we have a selection of block of the months to keep you well and truly occupied.

What we recommend: Join in on one of our fantastic classes, where you're sure to learn plenty of new ideas and techniques to make the most out of your sewing. Our class lists are available on our website.

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Email: info@welcometoprecioustime.com.au

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3. Indooroopilly PATCHES INDOOROOPILLY

Where's Indooroopilly: Near the heart of Brisbane's CBD, right on the Brisbane River.

Where in Indooroopilly: 273 Moggill Road. Continue north along the Pacific Motorway until it ends and changes to Coronation Drive. Continue down Coronation Drive, then turn right into High Street, which then changes to Moggill Road. We're just opposite the shopping centre.

Who plays host: Sharon Frazer.

Worth visiting because: We are one of the most established patchwork and quilting shops in the country, and the oldest in Brisbane, having been around for over 25 years. Originally a general store, our 100-year-old building has wonderfully high ceilings, which are perfect for hanging quilts. Browse through our great selection of brights, country, florals, Orientals, reproductions, flannels, Australiana, batiks, modern fabrics and so much more. We are also agents for Bernina, Pfaff, Janome and Singer sewing machines, and we provide servicing for all makes and models of sewing machines and overlockers. With experienced, friendly and helpful staff who always take an interest in customers' projects, you will find it easy to get exactly what you need. A variety of classes are run by some incredibly talented and experienced teachers, from beginners to advanced classes, which showcase a range of techniques useful for your patchwork and quilting.

What we recommend: Unique to Patches Indooroopilly is our *Cathedral Windows* bag pattern at \$12 each. This is a fun hand-stitched project and



you make the lining as you create the outside blocks.

Address: 273 Moggill Road, Indooroopilly, Qld 4068

Phone: (07) 3878 1228

Email: quilt@patches.com.au

Website: www.patches.com.au

4. Keperra THE QUILTERS CORNER

Where's Keperra: In the north-west of Brisbane, approximately 10km from the CBD.

Where in Keperra: 269 Blaker Road. Just on the corner of Dawson Parade. We are also adjacent to Grovely railway station, on the Ferny Grove Line.

Who plays host: Liisa Dawson.

Worth visiting because: Our store is stocked with over 2000 bolts of bright and beautiful fabrics from top designers, including Tilda, Moda, Kaffe Fassett, Riley Blake, Michael Miller, Quiltgate, Batiks and more. We have loads of original patterns as well as some from our favourite Australian and international designers. We love making samples so there are plenty of beautiful quilts, bags and softies to see and inspire you, and there are plenty of kits available too. We run affordable classes for a range of skill levels, from beginners through to the more experienced quilters. We love block-of-the-month programs, and if you do too, you're sure to find one you love in our selection. We're open Tues-Fri 9am-4pm and Sat 9am-1pm, so make sure you drop in for a visit the next time you're in the area.

What we recommend: If you have any questions or need some assistance we're always there to lend a hand with our friendly service and helpful advice on your current or future projects.

Address: 269 Blaker Road, Keperra, Qld 4054

Phone: (07) 3855 2222

Email: Info@thequilterscorner.com.au

Website: www.thequilterscorner.com.au



5. Eatons Hill QUILTESSENTIALS

Where's Eatons Hill: Located on the north side of Brisbane, just a short loop off Bruce Highway or Gateway when heading north to the Sunshine Coast, and easy access from local suburbs.

Where in Eatons Hill: 8 Bunya Park Drive. We can be found in a small suburban shopping centre, Eaton Central, just off the South Pine Road, with a great little coffee shop a few steps away.

Who plays host: Claudia and her fabulous staff.

Worth visiting because: Browse through our colourful and beautiful fabrics to help brighten your day, including children's, batiks, Japanese, Aboriginal, Kaffe Fassett, Christmas fabrics and more. We also have a great selection of pre-cut 2½in strips like Jelly Rolls, Bali Pops, Sushi Rolls and Riley Blake, as well as coordinating 10in packs. Choose a project to relax with and make your quilting friends envious. We have a great selection of patterns, including quirky animals from Millamac, bags, children's clothes, and many quilts and stitcheries.

What we recommend: Our newest discovery is a fabulous leather thimble! If you have tried almost every type of thimble in existence but can't find one you like, then ask us about our favourite thimble. You should also view our selection of kits and patterns like *Australiana EyeSpy* (pictured), *Millamac*, *Hiroe Mogi* and *QuiltEssentials*.

Address: Eaton Central, 8 Bunya Park Drive, Eatons Hill, Qld 4037

Phone: (07) 3264 6444

Email: claudia@quiltessentials.com.au

Website: www.quiltessentials.com.au



6. Shorncliffe FAERIES IN MY GARDEN

Where's Shorncliffe: Shorncliffe is an historic northern suburb of Brisbane.

Where in Shorncliffe: 70 Park Parade. Approaching from the south, take the Gateway Arterial and exit at the Sandgate (Tao Temple) exit. From the north, the Bruce Highway exit is to Sandgate. The shop is situated on the headland overlooking Moreton Bay, next door to St Patrick's College. There are beautiful parks nearby, playgrounds, barbecue areas and cafes.

Who plays host: Lesley and Kevin McConnell own and run the store and the extensive mail order business.

Worth visiting because: We are an Aladdin's Cave of treasures in fabrics and original designs. Not only do we have quilts, we also have smaller projects as seen in our popular Gift-of-the-Month program. Every project in the store is designed by Lesley, with her unashamedly romantic and nostalgic style. The gorgeous fabrics from Quilt-Gate, Lecien and Tilda, among others, line the walls, along with patterns for Lesley's projects. Lesley has recently given classes on her designs in Ireland, and plans to give workshops in Norway, England, Ireland and possibly the Netherlands and Denmark next year, and for two years now, we have taken a stall at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham – a fantastic event that draws crowds from the UK and Europe.

What we recommend: An exciting new BOM is about to be released, *An English Country Garden*, inspired by Lesley's trip to the UK in 2012, which features beautiful scenes worked in embroidery and coloured in watercolour pencils. The program is almost full so contact us now to



secure your place. You can also join our new-look Gift-of-the-Month club, which is now bi-monthly. Parcels are sent out every second month instead of monthly, reducing the overall cost and allowing you more time to make these projects. We also have an annual sale over an entire week from Australia Day (Sunday January 26 to Saturday February 1). Our beautiful fabrics are reduced to ridiculous prices, some as low as \$5 per metre - you won't want to miss out!

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7. Bellmere COUNTRY BEGINNINGS

Where's Bellmere: Situated in the beautiful Moreton Bay region, approximately one hour north of Brisbane and 45 minutes south of the Sunshine Coast.

Where in Bellmere: Shop 6, Bellmere Road. Take the Caboolture exit off the Bruce Highway and travel through town on King Street until you reach the pool, then turn right into Bellmere Road.

Who plays host: Jodie and Denise.

Worth visiting because: When you step inside, our fantastic quality range of patchwork fabrics is sure to tempt you, as well as our selection of kits, patterns and books from some of the best Australian and international designers, so you're sure to find inspiration right here in the store. You'll also find a fantastic selection of gorgeous giftware. We also offer a range of services including machine quilting, scissor-sharpening and sewing-machine service and repairs. The store is open Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm. We also have an online store, so if you don't get a chance to visit us, you can shop our range from the comfort of your own home any time.

What we recommend: We have a great selection of block-of-the-month designs, including the beautiful *Secret Garden* quilt (pictured).

Address: Shop 6 Bellmere Road, Bellmere, Qld 4510

Phone: (07) 5499 3233

Email: countrybeginnings@dodo.com.au

Website: www.countrybeginnings.com.au



8. Forest Glen THE PATCHWORK ANGEL

Where's Forest Glen: On the beautiful Sunshine Coast, just one hour north of Brisbane and 30 minutes south of Noosa.

Where in Forest Glen: 343 Mons Road. We are based in a little old church, just off the Bruce Highway. Take exit 200 when travelling either north or south on the Highway. We are opposite the Forest Glen shops next door to the Komatsu dealership, and just around the corner from the organic market place.

Who plays host: Penny and her team of angels.

Worth visiting because: Not only will you be delighted by the fabulous range of patterns, fabrics, notions and more when you visit with us, but you will also see lots of lovely quilts and samples on display to inspire you. With the high ceiling in the little old church, we are able make a wonderful display and many visitors exclaim with delight when they walk in. Our team of angels are passionate about patchwork and fabrics and are very happy to not just make you feel welcome to visit, but to help you with maths or selections for your projects. Patchwork fabric works beautifully for many different projects and we only stock fabrics of a lovely, high quality. We even stock some organic cottons so you'll have no problems finding fabrics for your needs. We have a large range of batting including bamboo, which is perfect for quilt-as-you-go projects.

What we recommend: The team at The Patchwork Angel just adore fabric and everything patchwork, but we also have lots of fun with softies, bags, table runners and clothing. We have patterns galore and will love helping you find just the right one.



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9. Hervey Bay DEWDROP INN PATCHWORK & CRAFT

Where's Hervey Bay: Three-and-a-half-hours north of Brisbane, Hervey Bay is the gateway to Fraser Island and the Great Sandy Straits Region, where you can witness the annual migration of the great Humpback Whale as they birth their young in our waters.

Where In Hervey Bay: 123 Boat Harbour Drive. Very centrally located in the CBD on Boat Harbour Drive at Pialba. Boat Harbour Drive is the main road adjoining the highway into town and runs through town ending at the harbour and marina at Urangan. We are directly opposite the cinema complex, JB HiFi and Rivers, with plenty of off-street parking.

Who plays host: Mother, daughter and son team Linda, Amanda and Rodney, with stitching enthusiast Diana. Husband Peter manages and operates the fully computerised professional long-arm quilting machine.

Worth visiting because: We have absolutely no willpower when it comes to choosing the fabrics to line our walls. With over 7000 fabrics from current ranges and designers including Tula Pink, Jennifer Paganelli, Joel Dewberry, Anna Maria Horner, Amy and David Butler, Kaffe Fassett, Philip Jacobs, KOKA and more, we obsess about keeping our fabrics up to date. We also have a fantastic range of Bali Batiks, loads and loads of Oriental fabrics, spots, country, flannels and children's feature prints. When we're not squealing with delight opening boxes of fabric, we're stitching the myriad of samples to inspire our customers and cause lots of oohs and ahhs. We have patterns and kits for almost every quilt imaginable, as well as bags, cushions, adults and children's clothes – even a coat for your



four-legged friend! We have gadgets and accessories, handbag supplies, patchwork templates and tools, batting, knitting and crochet, machine-embroidery supplies, and we are the local Singer and Husqvarna Viking dealer, with our salesman and technician on site all day, every day.

What we recommend: Super Saturday! Held on the fourth Saturday each month at 10am-11.30am – and it's totally free! If a product is new in store, we demo it, showcase it, show it off, and then put it on special. We show you first hand how new tools and gadgets work, feature fabrics, new patterns, kits and books, all to keep you up to date with what's new and the latest in the world of Dewdrop Inn. We also have discounts, prizes and giveaways – just come along and we do the rest. There's even cake!

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