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On the road CRAFTY STOP-OFFS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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1. Boulder CHEZ'S CRAFTY AFFAIR

Where's Boulder: Kalgoorlie-Boulder is 600km from Perth. Boulder is only about a mile from the Super Pit Lookout, which gives you a look at one of the largest open-cut mines in Australia. Where in Boulder: 36 Burt Street. We're on the main road running through Boulder, surrounded by beautiful heritage buildings and plenty of shops.

Who plays host: Cheryl Holtum

Worth visiting because: We supply the locals with all the bits and pieces for their crafty needs. Being in a fairly remote part of the country, we like to stock a wide selection of products for all sorts of crafts. If you're interested in trying your hand at a new craft, why not select something from our range of cake-decorating supplies, including Satin Ice Fondant, food colouring gels, cutters, candy melts, pop sticks, edible decorations and more? Or you can pick up something from our wide range of wool, scrapbooking products, lace, ribbons and other craft supplies. Of course, we have a huge range of patchwork fabrics and dress fabrics. You can also find us on Facebook and keep up to date with what is going on in store. What we recommend: While we have such varied craft ranges, it's hard to go past a new sewing machine. Have a look at our selection of Bernina machines and treat yourself to a new machine!

Address: 36 Burt Street, Boulder, WA 6432 Phone: (08) 9093 2305 Fax: (08) 9093 0765 Email: chezscraftyafair@yahoo.com.au



2. Hideale Carol's of Midland

Where's Midvale: A short drive east of Perth's CBD, and just north of the airport, Midvale is next to Midland.

Where in Midvale: 47 Farrall Road, Midvale. We are on the part of Farrall Road that runs between Morrison Road and Great Eastern Highway.

Who plays host: Michelle Pisano

Worth visiting because: We have the largest range of fabric in Western Australia. We also have a vast range of full-size sample quilts, all made by our very talented staff, and kits for our samples



are available. If you can't make it in store, why not have a look at our website? We love to welcome quilt groups to the store; just call ahead and make a booking and we will provide a beautiful morning or afternoon tea. What we recommend: All our quilts in store are sewn on our demo Pfaff Janome and



Brother machines. If you are in the market for a new machine, we can tell you first-hand about what each machine's capabilities are; that way you can be sure you are purchasing the right sewing machine for your sewing needs. Address: 47 Farrall Road, Midvale, WA 6056 Phone: (08) 9250 2722

Email: carolsmi@bigpond.net.au

Website: www.carolsofmidland.com.au, you can also find Carol's of Midland on Facebook.

3. Horley QUINTESSENTIAL QUILTS

Where's Morley: Morley is a suburb of Perth, just north of the Swan River.

Where in Morley: 1/8 Dewar Street. You'll find Dewar Street near the main shopping centre.

Who plays host: Sue Drill

Worth visiting because: We're a very spacious, bright and well organised store. Our friendly staff, who are all quilters, are always here to help, and our teachers are always happy to share their expertise. We have so many fabrics, around 4000 bolts, in fact, including the Jinny Beyer Palette, Fossil Ferns, Shadow Play, Fairy Frost, Handspray and Hoffman's 1895s Hand Dyed Watercolour Bali Batiks and plenty of haberdashery and kits. We also have a loyalty-card program for \$25 for 12 months, which offers 10 per cent discounts on all classes fees and purchases.

What we recommend: Who doesn't love Tilda? We have much of the Tilda range in store, including dolls and fabrics. So if you can't get enough of Tilda, we're the right place for you! Address: 1/8 Dewar Street, Morley, WA 6062 Phone: (08) 9276 2201 Email: sue@quintessentialquilts.com.au

Website: www.quintessentialquilts.com.au



4. Hount Hawthorn, THE TEDDY TREE

Where's Mount Hawthorn: A suburb 10 minutes north of Perth's CBD. Where in Mount Hawthorn: 226 Scarborough Beach Road. We're in the high-traffic retail area on Scarborough Beach Road, on the corner of Egina Street – you can't miss us!

Who plays host: Jennie Boylan

Worth visiting because: If you can't tell by our name, we love teddy bears! So it's little surprise that we have the largest range of teddy-bear-making supplies in WA. You can get everything for your bear-making needs, including fur, tools and kits, as well as a large range of giftware, commercial bears, soft toys and collectables, including Charlie Bears, Beanie Kids, Gund and Settlers Bears. We also have a range of patchwork fabrics and supplies.

What we recommend: Regular classes are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. They are suitable for all levels, from beginner to the more advanced. Owner and artist Jennie Boylan specialises in teaching the art of hand dyeing fur, designing and finishing techniques – she has actually started many bear artists on their award-winning bear-making paths. We also hold regular classes and project-based workshops by local, interstate and internationally recognised bear artists. These classes are suitable for all levels, from beginner to the more advanced. We also hold basic beginner's classes in patchwork and quilting.

Address: 226 Scarborough Beach Road, Mount Hawthorn, WA 6016 Phone: (08) 9201 1011

Email: sales@teddytree.com.au Website: www.teddytree.com.au



5. Subjaco/Fremantle crossways wool & FABRICS

Where's Subiaco/Fremantle: Subiaco is a suburb of Perth, not too far from the CBD. Fremantle is a historic port city, just a short trip south from Perth's CBD.

Where in Subiaco/Fremantle: Shop 15 Crossways Shopping Centre, Cnr Bagot and Rokeby Road, Subiaco. We're close to the Harbour Town outlet and Pattersons Stadium. Shop 3, 17-23 Collie Street, Fremantle is packed with shops and is just off the bustling South Terrace shopping district.

Who plays host: Both stores are owned by Pauline Denton Worth visiting because: Both stores have a fantastic range of knitting and crochet yarns – it's what we're really known for. We also have a range of haberdashery, patterns and dress fabrics. Our yarns come from all over the world, and we only stock the best yarns out there. You'll find a massive selection of yarns that you won't find in any other store, so if you're a knitter or crocheter, our shops are your own personal heaven. Visitors are always amazed when they see just how much yarn we have! We offer fantastic service and plenty of knowledge, so if you're an advanced knitter or crocheter, or if you're interested in branching out to these crafts, you've come to the right place.

What we recommend: We have so many yarns to choose from, each suited to different types of knitting and crochet projects, so just ask us for some advice if you can't quite pick which yarn is right for you. Address: Crossways Wool & Fabrics, Shop 15, 180 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, WA 6009.

Yarns on Collie, Shop 3, 17-23 Collie Street, Fremantle, WA 6160.

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Phone: Crossways Wool & Fabrics: (08) 9381 4286 Yarns on Collie: (08) 9335 4455 Email: sales@woolshop.com.au Website: www.woolshop.com.au

6. Fremantle PORT SEWING CENTRE

Where's Fremantle: The port city of Fremantle is just a short trip south of Perth's CBD.

Where in Fremantle: 58 Adelaide Street. We're in the CBD of Fremantle, near Dick Smith and just up from Target.

Who plays host: Julie Munro

Worth visiting because: Fremantle was where the first Singer shop was set up in WA, back in 1882, and we've been carrying on that tradition of quality sewing-machine shops in the Fremantle area for just over 40 years now. We are an authorised dealer in sales, service, repairs and even tuition for Pfaff and Singer products, sewing machines and overlockers. If you're in the market for a new machine, we're definitely the place for you! We have a wide range of haberdashery, threads, quilting products and accessories for your machines and overlockers. Visitors just love our selection of batik fabrics, and we have a selection of other fabrics to choose from. Our own unique designs can be found in store, and we also sell kits. We're happy to offer all our help and expertise when it comes to selecting a new machine, so you'll definitely leave with the perfect machine for your sewing needs. We also offer service and repair on all makes of sewing machines and overlockers. What we recommend: It's clear that sewing machines are really our thing and, at the moment, we just love the Singer One and Pfaff Quilt Expression 4.2. Just ask us all about the machines, and you'll fall in love just as much as we have! Address: 58 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA 6160

Address: 58 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA 6 Phone: (08) 9335 6113, (08) 9335 3103



Email: emo76692@bigpond.net.au Website: www.portsewing.com.au

7. Kelmscott cottonwool creations

Where's Kelmscott: We are in Kelmscott, which is just before Armadale Shopping Centre, around the corner from the motor registry. Where in Kelmscott: Shop 3/211 Railway Avenue. Railway Avenue is right between two railway stations, Challis and Sherwood, and we're facing the railway line. We have a large hot-pink flag out the front to catch your attention, and hopefully soon a large wooden teddy bear on the roof!

Who plays host: Kay and Brian Cooper.

Worth visiting because: We have a large supply of teddy-bear fur and bear-making supplies, including teddy-bear patterns. Other crafters are catered for with a variety of patterns, including patchwork patterns, and plenty of craft and sewing products. We pride ourselves on having products that are not easy to find and unique products, including our supply of artist bears by Cooper Bears, Bears by Becca and many more. We are also now stocking an array of unusual gifts and handmade quality products from various local artists. With our friendly service, you'll always find the help you need, and we are more than happy to share techniques and secrets that we have learnt over the years. Join in on one of our classes, like folk art, patchwork and quilting, cloth dolls and, of course, bear making. Classes are run on a casual basis and are a wonderfully friendly place to learn.

What we recommend: We have just released a wonderful DVD with a step-by-step guide to bear making. This DVD is in HD and leads the viewer through the absolute basics to the more advanced techniques used by Cooper Bears. We also have a wonderful range of fur to help you make your bear creation.



Address: Shop 3/211 Railway Avenue, Kelmscott, WA 6111 Phone: (08) 9495 1876 Fax: (08) 9495 1876 Email: coopers@dollscoop.com Websites: www.cottonwoolshop.com, www.cooperbears.com

8. Avmadale colours down under

Where's Armadale: A short drive south-east from Perth.
Where in Armadale: Shop 12, Pioneer Village. We are located at the Old Pioneer Village on the corner of Albany and South Western Highways. If you can't visit us, we also have an online shop.
Who plays host: Jo Bright

Worth visiting because: We have so much to see in store, including our room just for our range of beautiful threads, a room full of charts and accessories, a room of linen and a workshop and book room. In addition to our fantastic range, we also offer a couple of clubs. The Thread Collector's Club is where you can choose a brand/type of thread and, each month, you'll receive your selected number of threads until the set is complete. You'll also get a 10 per cent discount and free postage for Australian residents. It's such a great way to extend your thread collection, and who doesn't love a little surprise in the mail? The most popular thread for this club is the Dinky Dyes Silk range, so why not collect for yourself? Our other popular club is The Sweetheart Tree Alphabet Club. Each month, you receive one letter of the alphabet. The full kit includes everything you need and is \$30 each month with free postage in Australia.

What we recommend: We have a great selection of workshops and classes. Our workshops include Hardanger, Ribbon Embroidery, Brazilian Embroidery, Cross Stitch and many more. Contact Jo to receive a brochure of all our classes and workshops for 2014.

Address: Shop 12, Pioneer Village, Cnr Albany & South Western Hwy, Armadale, WA, 6112



Phone: (08) 9498 0073 Email: jo@coloursdownunder.com.au Website: www.coloursdownunder.com.au

9. Bundary CRAFT COLLECTIONS

Where's Bunbury: Bunbury is a leisurely two-hour drive south of Perth, in the heart of the amazing wine region and surrounded by wonderful beaches and rivers.

Where in Bunbury: Unit 1/13 Mummery Crescent. As you arrive in Bunbury, you'll enter a large roundabout. Head in to the city, turn right at the first set of lights you come to, and then left into Mummery Crescent – it's so easy. We have parking for cars, buses and even caravans.

Who plays host: Glenys Keegan

Worth visiting because: We are an amazing specialty patchwork shop, with over 4,000 bolts of fabrics, including Tilda, Moda, Jinny Beyer, Kaffe Fassett, Andover, FreeSpirit, Red Rooster, Leesa Chandler, and Kaufman, and we have over 50 sample guilts on display at any one time. You'll find a huge range of pre-cuts, patterns, notions, rulers, novelty prints, threads, and hundreds of books. We also have some unique and fun gifts and lots of ideas to inspire your creativity. What we recommend: We pride ourselves on our customer service, making sure everyone has just what they want and need for their next creation, from a tiny pincushion to a huge hexagon quilt. We also provide on-the-spot instruction and individual attention in our classes, and the huge air-conditioned class room is usually full of laughter and speeding machines. And, of course, the kettle is always on. Address: Unit 1/13 Mummery Crescent, Bunbury, WA 6230 Phone: 0419 616 714 Fax: (08) 9791 1288 Email: stuffnbears@westnet.com.au



10. Denmark MAJESTIC MERINO

Where's Denmark: Denmark is located on the south coast of Western Australia, 53km west of Albany on Highway 1. For tourists, it is 400km south of Perth, the ideal spot to restock. Where in Denmark: Shop 1 Palm Court, 63 Strickland Street. We're just past the post office, in Strickland Street. Who plays host: Gail Guthrie, with help from Cherie and Shannon. Worth visiting because: You'll find a wide range of quality craft supplies for the artist, needleworker, card maker, embroiderer, patchworker or knitter. We have an extensive range of knitting and crochet yarns, embroidery threads, including Gumnut and House of Embroidery, parchment tools and papers, tapestries, art supplies, including oils, acrylic, watercolours, brushes, paper and canvases, plenty of patchwork fabrics, from brights to pastels and plains, batting and so much more. We also run classes on a one-to-one basis by arrangement. You can find us on Facebook to see all the latest products we have in store.

What we recommend: We carry a large range of knitting yarns, with our own brand of fine merino yarns being a specialty of ours. We also have an extensive range of the Misty Alpaca yarns. Gail is a qualified instructor in many of the needlecraft and parchment crafts and is always keen to pass on these skills to new crafters. Address: Shop 1 Palm Court, 63 Strickland St, Denmark, WA 6333 Phone: (08) 9848 3678, 0427 689 028 Fax: (08) 9848 3686 Email: gail@majesticmerino.com Website: www.majesticmerino.com

