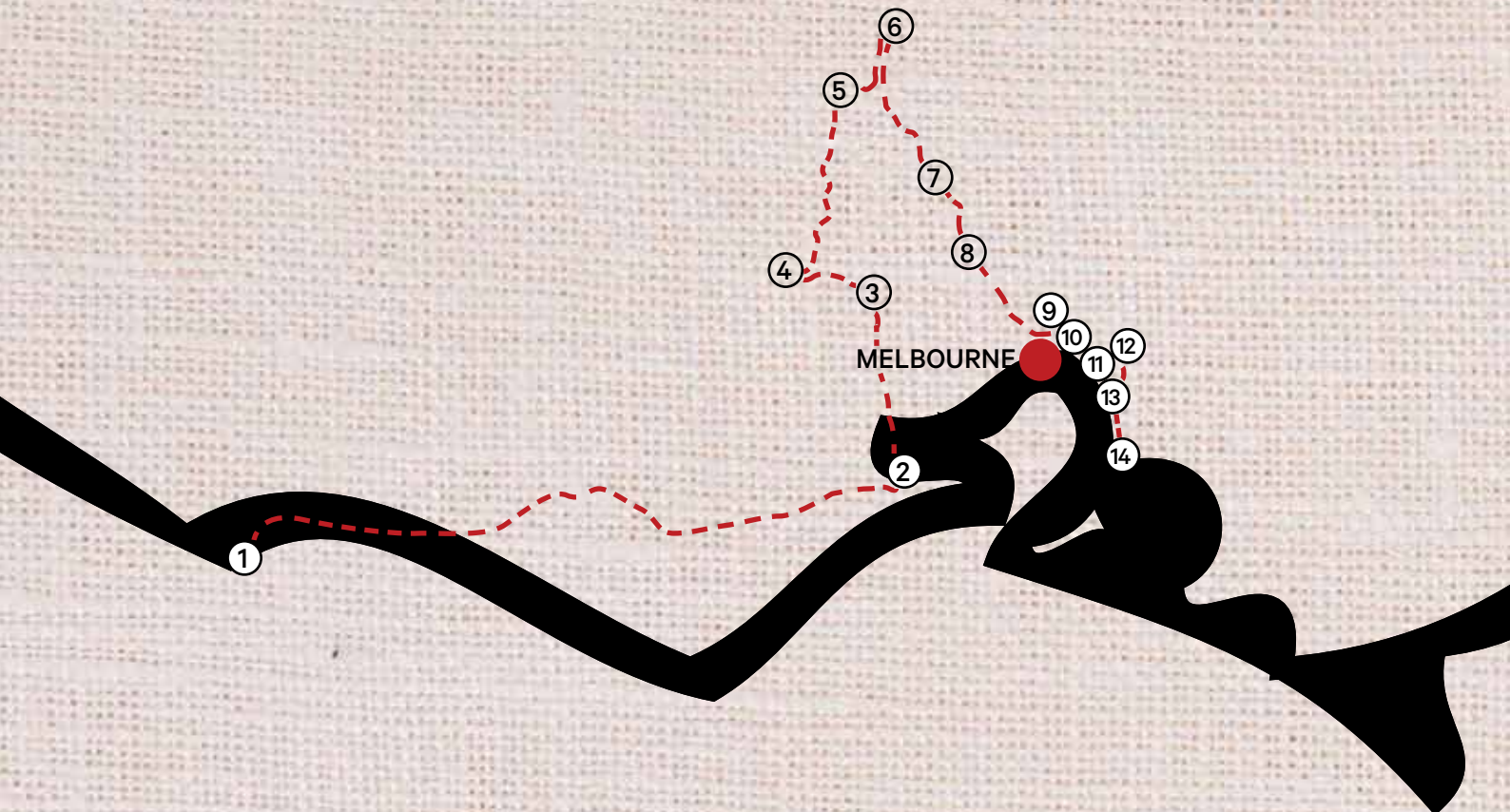


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On the road

CRAFTY STOP-OFFS IN
WESTERN VICTORIA & MELBOURNE



1. Portland JOY'S CRAFTWORX

Where's Portland: On the south coast of western Victoria. We have some of the best beaches and coastal scenery along with lovely bush and river walks, which makes Portland perfect for fishing and water sports. Portland is also rich with history, having been Victoria's first permanent settlement, so we have some gorgeous old buildings.

Where in Portland: 46 Percy Street. We're located in the main street, just past the ANZ bank.

Who plays host: Joy Bolte

Worth visiting because: With an amazing selection for crafters of all sorts, you'll just love our range of patchwork fabrics, knitting yarns, cross-stitch kits, tapestries and more. Our selection of embroidery threads include threads by Cottage Garden, DMC and Cascade Crewel Wool. You'll find a large range of beautiful buttons and ribbons available to finish your quilts, garments and any other craft items. We stock the full range of 'Fossil Fern' fabrics plus batiks, many Indigenous prints, Australian designs and fabrics by Hoffman, Leutenegger, Moda and more. 'Locomotion' is a great design for the men and for the musicians you can't miss the 'Concerto' range of fabrics, both from Benartex. Our range of knitting yarns include Sirdar, Heirloom, Naturally and the beautiful Rare Yarns. We have



sewing machine sales and servicing available in store on a Monday or Thursday: just talk to Hazel or Jenny. Accuquilt Go Cutters are also available from Hazel. You'll certainly find our store a one-stop shop for all your craft needs.

What we recommend: I love patterns that let the fabric speak so I have many different patterns that use just nine fat quarters, and they look fantastic in whatever fabric you make them in. The *All That Jazz* pattern by Ladybird Quilts uses nine fat quarters plus a border, and I have made three versions. The pattern is \$10 plus p&h.

Address: 46 Percy Street, Portland, Vic 3305

Phone: (03) 5523 7190

Website: www.joyscraftworx.com.au



2. Geelong JIDDI'S PATCH

Where's Geelong: On the coast surrounded by Port Phillip Bay, Geelong is Victoria's second largest city and is easily accessible from the west via the Great Ocean Road.

Where in Geelong: 192 Moorabool Street. We're situated in the CBD of Geelong. From our front door you can see the beautiful blue waters of Corio Bay in one direction and the lights of Skilled Stadium in the opposite direction. To be more specific, we're between Little Ryrie and Myers Street, just down from St John of God Hospital.

Who plays host: Jill (Jiddi), Chris, Bette, Robyn, Sonia, Jan and Sister Corrie, make up the merry band of experienced and knowledgeable women who love helping our customers and class participants choose the fabric for a new project or add to their existing project and teaching the skills of the trade.

Worth visiting because: From the moment you walk into Jiddi's Patch, you'll be welcomed by our friendly staff. We have a reputation for our social hub and we just love it when the shop is filled with laughter. We find our store is often the meeting place for friends to catch up before a lunch outing, or simply to visit to make use of our classroom tables for basting a quilt. Our staff love to sew just as much as our customers – it really doesn't matter what it is, we just love to sew! We offer classes for all level of skill and interests during the week and weekend, both in the day and in the evenings. Class schedules run with the school terms and a new schedule in emailed out at the start of each term. If you would like to receive a copy of our class schedule, simply register your name on our website. Our large and eclectic range of quality fabrics, which



include Hoffman batiks and quilters flannels, are sure to inspire you to start creating. We also have plenty of precuts, including fat quarters, fat eights, jelly rolls, layer cakes, charm squares, Bali pops and more. You'll also find an abundance of patterns for bags, quilts and much more, along with inspiring craft books. To ensure fabric quantities of our kits are right, we make samples of every kit. That way if there are any problems or questions you have about one of our kits, we can speak from experience! We also have all the accessories you'll need to finish your project, and if we don't have something in stock, just let us know and we can get it in for you. Groups and bus trips are most welcome.

What we recommend: Because we're continually updating our stock and need to find space for new ranges, we have a 'Bargain Box' with remnants at special prices as well as sale price fabric on the bolt.

Address: 192 Moorabool Street, Geelong, Vic 3220

Phone: (03) 5298 2208 **Email:** info@jiddispitch.com.au

Website: www.jiddispitch.com.au

3. Ballan MILLROSE QUILTING & GALLERY

Where's Ballan: Ballan is an hour west of Melbourne between Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat with the Western Freeway running through town.

Where in Ballan: 92 Inglis Street. We're on one of the main stretches of road that runs through town in a gorgeous old 1857 stone cottage.

Who plays host: Sue Bartleman

Worth visiting because: Not only are we a wonderful quilt shop, but we also have a wonderful café, and with our gorgeous food, great coffee, lovely staff, stunning garden and roaring open fires, a visit to Millrose Quilting & Gallery is a treat like no other. We purchased the neighbouring old Masonic Hall next door in 2011 and moved the quilt shop there, so we have a lovely open space with plenty of room for all the fabrics and wools, and the Grand Hall is where we hold our classes. Our wide range of fabrics includes Liberty of London, Kaffe Fassett, William Morris and a large selection of reproduction fabrics. With our selection of beautiful hand-dyed Cottage Garden Threads, ricrac and wool ribbons, not to mention our range of books and patterns, we are sure to fulfil your quilting needs. Classes are lots of fun and are always inspiring and accompanied by some delicious food, and range from beginners to advanced in all sorts of techniques and styles. We also have a fantastic group of guest tutors sharing their knowledge and expertise.

What we recommend: You'll want to spend plenty of time in the store, so if you're feeling peckish, our café is perfect for relaxing, sitting back with a coffee and a delicious breakfast or lunch. Check out our website for a look at the menu.



Address: 92 Inglis Street, Ballan, Vic 3342

Phone: (03) 5368 2995

Fax: (03) 5368 2996

Email: sales@millrosecottage.com.au

Website: www.millrosecottage.com.au

4. Ballarat SOVEREIGN NEEDLEWORK

Where's Ballarat: Approximately one hour northwest of Melbourne on the Western Highway.

Where in Ballarat: 215 Mair Street. We're one block from the train station and one block from Sturt Street, which is the main street of Ballarat.

Who plays host: Elaine Quirk with the help of Judy Ashmore and sometimes Elaine's husband Chris helps out when he can.

Worth visiting because: There is really nothing else like Sovereign Needlework in the area. Our walls are adorned with a wonderful variety of threads. We also have a range of cross-stitch kits and fabric so you can create your own designs. We also have trammed tapestries, wool, needles and plenty of patterns for cross stitch and knitting. You'll also find lots and lots of books to choose from, so you'll never struggle to find inspiration. Our kettle is always on, so feel free to drop in and have plenty of fun browsing.

What we recommend: We just love stitcheries, and our wide range of sewing needles and other stitching products will indulge any passionate stitcher's needs.

Address: 215 Mair Street, Ballarat, Vic 3350

Phone: (03) 5332 1782



5. Maldon THE VILLAGE PATCH

Where's Maldon: Historic Maldon is just one and a half hours north of Melbourne and 30 minutes west of Bendigo.

Where in Maldon: 49 High Street. We're just opposite the Maldon Lolly Shop and the Christmas Shop. The store is light and bright in the original 1910 Freemasons Hall with its airy ceilings and the building is part of the National Trust classified Maldon village landscape.

Who plays host: Lee and Nicole are the "mad" quilters behind the counter – a mother/daughter tag team! Between the two of us, we make all of the quilt samples in store and can offer advice if required.

Worth visiting because: We carry an extensive collection of fabrics, widebacks, books, threads, patterns and kits with over 3000 quilting fabrics in stock at \$15 per metre. A quilting service is available in the store to finish all those quilt tops and we have Thursday night workshops where there's usually more chat and laughter than stitching going on. We're open every day except Tuesdays from 10am-5pm and bus groups are more than welcome, and we offer a generous group discount of 20 per cent for groups who book prior to visit.

What we recommend: For new mothers and grandmas we have a large range of cot panels and bright, cheery childrens prints and some great patterns and kits for soft toys by Quilting Gems, Rivendale Collection and Simply Country Gifts.

Address: 49 High Street, Maldon, Vic 3463

Phone: (03) 5475 2391

Email: enquiries@villagepatch.com.au

Website: www.villagepatch.com.au



6. Bendigo BENDIGO WOOLLEN MILLS

Where's Bendigo: It's about one and a half hours drive north of Melbourne, and one of the largest towns in Victoria.

Where in Bendigo: 4 Lansell Street. If you are coming from Melbourne, head through town past the fountain, follow the tram tracks through the main street, turn right as if heading to the Tram Museum and we're just around the corner.

Who plays host: Colin Walker

Worth visiting because: We have a large selection of yarns ranging from 2 ply to 12 ply using luxurious fibre blends and, with an amazing range of over 170 colours to choose from, you can always find the perfect yarn for any item. We have patterns and accessories – everything you need from the start to the finish of your project. Our yarns come in large 200g balls, which means fewer joins for ease of knitting. We've recently released a new Limited Edition yarn, so pop in and see what all the buzz is about! Our factory shop is open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10am-3pm Saturday and public holidays.

What we recommend: The Bargain Room is a must see for anybody who comes into the shop. It's full of end of run yarns – you might get a shade or yarn you've never seen before. It doesn't get any more exciting for a yarn lover!

Address: 4 Lansell Street, Bendigo, Vic 3550

Phone: (03) 5442 4600

Fax: (03) 5442 2918

Email: info@bendigowoollenmills.com.au

Website: www.bendigowoollenmills.com.au



7. Kyneton PICK UP STITCHES

Where's Kyneton: Heading south from Bendigo on the Calder Freeway, Kyneton is on the way to Macedon and Gisborne.

Where in Kyneton: 30 Piper Street. We're in the main shopping street of Kyneton, with some beautiful old buildings on the street.

Who plays host: Sharon Boxshall

Worth visiting because: We absolutely love all things knitting and patchwork and after moving to a larger premises, we're lucky to have three rooms filled with wonderful fabrics! We like to think of our store as the craft equivalent of a lollyshop, where you're sure to be filled with that sense of excitement when you find your dream fabric. Not only do we have a wonderful range of fabrics, but we also have a fantastic selection of wool products including Noro, Heirloom, Sirdar Sublime and speciality sock yarns. We have an extensive selection of patterns and books on patchwork, quilting, felting, knitting, crochet and sewing, so whatever project you're wanting to start on, inspiration is always at hand. Stitch and Sew days and evenings are held throughout the year and are always popular, so why not join in the fun?

What we recommend: Possum Yarn Child's Cardigan kit, with teddy in pocket, available for \$79.

Address: 30 Piper Street, Kyneton Vic 3444

Phone: (03) 5422 6614

Email: pickupstitches@bigpond.com



8. Gisborne PATCH N QUILT

Where's Gisborne: North west of Melbourne, Gisborne is a popular town to visit in the Macedon region.

Where in Gisborne: Shop 4, Nexus Centre, 14 Prince Street. My new bigger and brighter store is in what I call 'the Paris end of Gisborne'. We have plenty of parking.

Who plays host: Mary Kelly is the owner of the store and is assisted by Carmel and Janine.

Worth visiting because: In our new, bigger premises, we've been able to increase our stock, which has been a lot of fun! While we don't have a particular style with our fabric selection, more than anything it's just a combination of all of the fabrics that we love! You'll find lots of brights, reproductions, pretty florals, tone on tones, retro prints and lots more. Apart from patterns, books, embroidery threads, and haberdashery items such as zips, interfacings and cottons, we stock wool felt, blanketing, varieties of batting, and widebacks, and we have an exciting introduction in store soon of knitting wool, along with books and patterns to suit. Sewing-machine repairs are also available



with a quick turnaround. We're lucky to be in such a wonderful new shop with a beautiful new big separate classroom. Classes are offered for a wide variety of techniques, and several regular teachers, Janine, Carmel, Carol, Marina and Amanda, offer classes. We also have some renowned tutors that teach in store including Jan Kerton, Judy Newman and Irene Blanck. Our classes are listed on the website, and the site is regularly updated.

What we recommend: Jan Kerton of Windflower Embroidery is a regular tutor at Patch n Quilt. Jan's happy disposition and extensive knowledge of all things embroidery mean that her classes book out very quickly. We stock all of the animal kits and the wool cashmere blanketing for Jan's designs. We also have a terrific display of her blanket samples and her new kits *Zebras* and *Spotted Dinosaurs* are in stock now.

Address: Shop 4, Nexus Centre, 14 Prince Street, Gisborne, Vic 3437

Phone: (03) 5420 7333

Email: info@patchnquilt.com.au

Website: www.patchnquilt.com.au

9. Moonee Ponds TRANQUILITY CRAFTS 'N SUPPLIES

Where's Moonee Ponds:

Moonee Ponds is a suburb of Melbourne approximately 5km northwest of Melbourne's CBD.

Where in Moonee Ponds:

37 Holmes Road. We're just one block from the Moonee Ponds railway station.

Who plays host: Owned and operated by Joanne Ferguson for the past 21 years.

Worth visiting because: We have in excess of 2000 bolts of patchwork fabric, linens and Aida cloth for cross stitch and embroidery, and wool felt. We also have embroidery threads by DMC, Cosmo, Presencia, Threadworx, Madiera, Y.L.I., Rajmahal, Cottage Garden Threads, Appletons & Mogear, silk, satin and decorative ribbons, novelty buttons and folk art paints, wood and brushes – everything for your crafty needs! If you're after a new project, we have all manner of patterns from both Australian and overseas designers and plenty of kits for the aspiring and experienced stitcher. If you need some help, just ask! Advice is always available for whatever project you're working on. Classes are available in embroidery, patchwork and doll making and are always in progress, as are Block of the Month programs, Sit and



Sew and English paper piecing groups. We hold an 'Open Day' at the beginning of each term and our Annual Sale is held in October. Bus groups are welcome.

What we recommend: Our many kits including the *Rangeley Wall Quilt*, which is available for \$60 plus p&h. If you can't find a kit, we can help you choose the right fabrics to go with your choice of pattern.

Address: 37 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039

Phone: (03) 9375 3575

Email: tranquilitycrafts@bigpond.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TranquilityCraftsnSupplies

10. Melbourne L'UCCELLO VINTAGE HABERDASHERY & FANCY GOODS

Where's Melbourne: Well, everyone knows where Melbourne is!

Where in Melbourne: Room 5, 2nd Floor, 37 Swanston Street. We're conveniently situated within the Melbourne CBD in the iconic Nicholas Building, one block from Flinders Street Station, on the corner of Swanston Street and Flinders Lane. Just take the lift up to the 2nd floor, which is situated in the Nicholas Building's beautiful Cathedral Arcade.

Who plays host: Kim

Worth visiting because: We are a specialist retail emporium stocking a wide variety of vintage and contemporary craft supplies and gifts. Our passion for the handmade and craft also extends to our own L'uccello brand line of in-house designed and handcrafted goods. During June, L'uccello is very excited to be a part of the 2014 Melbourne Craft and Quilt Fair being held from June 26 to 29 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf. This is our first time exhibiting at the Fair and you will find us at



stand EZ06. So if you're visiting Melbourne for the Fair, why not visit us at the Nicholas Building and experience the charm of L'uccello in store as well? Along with our premium fabrics, vintage haberdashery and notions we also have a wide range of paper goods. Available in store and at the Fair will be a mixture of vintage and contemporary paper ephemera, including Dresden papers, beautiful German glass glitter, brilliantly hued premium crepe papers and vintage stamens perfect for flower making. So as winter takes hold, let your passion for crafting be indulged by visiting L'uccello.

What we recommend: Our favourite things in store are our glorious selection of sewing accessories including the expertly crafted Sajou scissors and our own luxurious hand-crafted sewing boxes.

Address: Room 5, 2nd Floor, 37 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000

Phone: (03) 9639 0088

Email: info@luccello.com.au

Website: www.luccello.com.au

11. Malvern WONDOFLEX YARN CRAFT CENTRE

Where's Malvern: Malvern is an inner city suburb of Melbourne, about a 30 minute tram ride or 15 minute train ride from the city.

Where in Malvern: 1353 Malvern Road. The Camberwell tram, No. 72, stops at the front door (stop no. 46). If travelling by train, the Tooronga Station on the Glen Iris line, is a block away.

Who plays host: Marilyn and her friendly staff

Worth visiting because: We are the largest shop of our type in Australia which allows us to offer you a vast choice of yarns to suit all budgets and tastes. Our warehouse-style shop is stocked floor to ceiling with beautiful local and imported wools and yarns, spinning and weaving equipment and plenty of display items to inspire your own creativity. We are a friendly bunch and very happy to help if required, but also happy to give you time to explore our shop of treasures, or even perhaps leave you to sit in peace by the wood heater on a chilly Melbourne day. Every Friday and Saturday we open our clearance area. Affectionately known as "The Dungeon", you'll find plenty of discontinued yarn and pattern bargains.

What we recommend: We have a great selection of fabulous Zauberballs – too good for socks. They make an amazing accessory or garment. Or, if it's a bit of luxury you're after, look for the beautiful hand-dyed possum wool, which is so soft to wear and so warm and light.

Address: 1353 Malvern Road, Malvern Vic 3144

Phone: (03) 9822 6231

Email: info@wondoflex.com.au

Website: www.wondoflex.com.au



12. Blackburn SEWN AND QUILTED

Where's Blackburn:

Blackburn is located in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, about a half-hour drive from the Melbourne CBD.

Where in Blackburn:

92 Whitehorse Road. Located on the city-bound side of the highway, we're five doors from the end of the shopping precinct – our shop is at the rear of our house. We're a short walk from the station, and close to the Eastern Freeway.

Who plays host: Operated by Carol Nicholls, with great help from our fantastic staff.

Worth visiting because: Our goal is to make you feel comfortable and welcome every time you visit us. Great customer service is so important to us, along with offering a wide range of products and services. We have a large and diverse range of fabrics, quality patchwork notions, and you'll find many inspirational ideas around the shop. Classes are run four days per week, and we offer a long-arm quilting service to help you get your quilts completed.

What we recommend: We recommend everything we stock or we wouldn't stock it! The Judy Niemeyer/Quiltworx patterns and



classes in foundation paper piecing have been particularly popular over the last 12 months, as they are new to Australia and open up a whole new world of patchwork possibilities. Look at the designs on our website or come in store to see them in person. Sign up for our newsletter so you don't miss out on the new and exciting things we constantly have to offer!

Address: 92 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn, Vic 3130

Phone: (03) 9877 1664

Email: carol@sewnandquilted.com.au

Website: www.sewnandquilted.com.au

13. Oakleigh CRAFTEE COTTAGE

Where's Oakleigh: In the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Oakleigh has an amazing selection of coffee shops and restaurants. Enjoy an amazing lunch in the Eaton St Mall, with the best selection of cakes and coffee around, before you visit us. It's great way to spend an afternoon!

Where in Oakleigh: Atherton Road. An easy five-minute walk from the train station. Oakleigh is only 20 mins by train from Melbourne CBD on the Dandenong line and close to Chadstone Shopping Centre.

Who plays host: Mother and daughter team Sylvia and Tracey with the help of our four part-time staff members, Marlies, Marg, Rachel and Di. Each member of staff has their own specialty area of expertise and contributes to the Crafter Cottage family of knitting patterns.

Worth visiting because: We have been based in Oakleigh for an amazing 26 years! We pride ourselves on being a very eclectic store, specialising in knitting yarns from Australia and Europe, but also with an extensive range of embroidery supplies, including linens and Aidas. You'll also find an extensive range of Shepherds Bush cross-stitch designs and we offer a make-up service for our customers. We stock haberdashery, books, threads and gifts, and we also have a scissor-sharpening service and an expert framer who specialises in embroidery.

What we recommend: We just love the Laurel Burch range of bags, perfect as knitting or craft bags. One of our favourite yarns for this season is the Patons Gigante – so much fun to knit with on big needles and only two balls to make a cowl. Our all-time favourite embroidery range is Shepherds Bush and we carry all supplies needed to make their



amazing Christmas stockings. Sylvia has done nine of these stockings for her grandchildren and you can see them on display in the shop.

Address: Shop 5, 52-54 Atherton Road, Oakleigh, Vic 3166

Phone: (03) 9568 3606

Fax: (03) 9564 8217

Email: info@crafteecottage.com.au

Website: www.crafteecottage.com.au

14. Carrum Downs PALM BEACH QUILTING

Where's Carrum

Downs: Palm Beach Quilting is located in Carrum Downs, which is in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Where in Carrum

Downs: 7/2 Industry Boulevard. We're just two minutes from the Frankston Freeway Eastlink and the new Peninsular Link. We're on the corner of Colemans Road and Industry Boulevard.

Who plays host: Owner Maureen Miller with the help of the lovely Christine and Sue

Worth visiting because: We would have to be one of Victoria's largest suppliers of wide backing fabrics, which means you have heaps of choice when looking for the perfect wide back for your quilt. We have over 200 backings in stock including batiks and flannels. As a Quiltworx Certified Shop, we have the *Glacier Star* and *Mariner's Compass* quilts plus a huge selection of Judy Niemeyer's foundation patterns, which can be found on our website. Your fabric needs will definitely be fulfilled



with our range of over 1000 bolts of fabrics including kids' prints, reproductions, batiks, and lots of brights.

What we recommend: We would recommend any of our Judy Niemeyer Quiltworx patterns. They're all beautiful so we really can't pick out a favourite as we love all of them.

Address: 7/2 Industry Boulevard, Carrum Downs Vic 3201

Phone: (03) 9775 1601

Fax: (03) 9775 1201

Email: sales@palmbeachquilting.com.au

Website: www.palmbeachquilting.com.au