# On the road CRAFTY STOP-OFFS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA



# 1. Mount Gambier CREATIVELY SEWN

Where's Mount Gambier: Famous for its volcanic Blue Lake and known as the hub of the Limestone Coast, Mount Gambier is situated in the south east of South Australia, very close to the Victorian border. It's approximately 450km from both Adelaide and Melbourne and provides a welcome break when travelling between these cities.

Where in Mount Gambier: 1 Anthony Street. You'll find us just off Commercial Street East (the main street), south of the Woolworths supermarket. Anthony Street runs alongside Woolworths, and down to the old railway line. You'll see our little heritage cottage on the right side, with pink banners out the front.

Who plays host: Owned by Kerry Hurst

Worth visiting because: We have made good use of our heritage cottage by turning it into a hub for sewing and craft activities. We are a treasure trove of fabrics, haberdashery, threads, books, kits, patterns and giftware, and we're also the region's Pfaff and Baby Lock dealership, with a full range of machines, accessories and repairs on offer. Our extensive fabric range includes Hoffman batiks, In the Beginning and the Tilda range. Kerry's passion is Oriental fabrics, and we boast a large range of them for you to browse. Our classes are held every day and include patternmaking, quilting and any sew-your-own projects where you want an expert's guiding hand or just some friendly socialising. Kerry is a gifted sewing teacher and mentor to everyone, no matter what age or experience.





What we recommend: We're a certified Judy Niemeyer shop, stocking Judy's patterns and offering classes using foundation-piecing techniques.

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Email: kerry@ringwood-designs.com

# 2. Robe MAUD'S ON THE HILLTOP

**Where's Robe:** Robe is about a three-to-four hour drive south from Adelaide.

**Where in Robe:** 4205 Southern Port Highway. From Robe, head out on the main road to Millicent – we're located 3.2 miles from town. Just look for the red flags. If you get to the airport, you've gone too far!

Who plays host: Maureen Anderson, with the help of Kathy Slaughter Worth visiting because: We are a must to visit when you're in the south east, as we have a great range of products that includes patchwork fabric, embroidery supplies and some haberdashery. Our fabrics include traditional Japanese designs, Aboriginal prints, beautiful batiks and many more. We'd love you to visit us, and groups are more than welcome, including bus groups. We also happen to have one of the best views from our hilltop! We are a new business, but have been involved in patchwork for 20 years. We're open seven days a week, from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

What we recommend: My greatest love would have to be traditional Japanese and Civil War fabrics. I also love hand stitching.

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## 3. Wictor Harbor WHYTE HOUSE GALLERY

Where's Victor Harbor: Victor Harbor is a very pleasant one-hour drive south of Adelaide, on the coast.

Where in Victor Harbor: 2 Stuart Street. Opposite Grosvenor Gardens. We're right where the bus stops from Adelaide, in an 1881 bluestone cottage.

**Who plays host:** Deb Wight has been at Whyte House Gallery for 25 years and still has lots of passion for the business – although she would like to retire, so the business is for sale.

Worth visiting because: We're like an Aladdin's Cave for craft enthusiasts, with our calming and inspirational atmosphere. Nothing is too much trouble for us – everyone is so friendly and helpful. There are supplies for all types of needlework, such as cross stitch, tapestry, hardanger, and all sorts of stitchery. We also have quilting supplies, including over 200 batik fabrics and the beautiful Tilda range. There are supplies for painting, scrapbooking, cardmaking, beading, knitting and crochet. Is there no end to it?

What we recommend: Tilda, Tilda, Tilda! What's not to love? Our photos say it all. We also love our books; we stock literally hundreds of books on every craft, and if we don't have the book you're looking for, we'll try to get it in for you. Apart from the batiks for quilting and sewing, we have fabric by Michele Hill and threads from King Tut, Threadworx and DMC.

Address: 2 Stuart Street, Victor Harbor, SA 5211

**Phone:** (08) 8552 1885 **Fax:** (08) 8552 1885

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# 4. Mount Barker the stitching circle

Where's Mount Barker: Nestled in the beautiful Adelaide Hills, just 20 minutes up the Princes Highway from Adelaide.

Where in Mount Barker: 15 Gawler Street. Tucked in among the lovely cafes in historic Gawler Street. It's the perfect place to spend the day. To find us, just look for the big pink bows!

**Who plays host:** The store is run by Carol Robertson and her daughter Natalie.

Worth visiting because: It's a veritable smorgasbord of textile treasures! Fun and funky is definitely how we like to describe our diverse textile range. You'll find plenty of bright, modern quilting fabrics, including a couple of Kaffe Fassett laminates. For yarn addicts, we have interesting and unique yarns from Noro, Rare Yarns and Augustbird, just to name a few. There are loads of books, dyes, textile paints and markers along with fibres and pre-felts for felting. We also have the beautiful hand-dyed Cottage Garden Threads. We run workshops on all sorts of textile arts. And if that's not enough, we have Janome sewing machines. Carol is also a qualified astrologer so you can even book in for a chart reading on your day out!

What we recommend: One of our favourite products at the moment are the Inktense pencils and blocks. They work like watercolour pencils, but the ink pigment is beautifully intense on fabric. When sealed with textile medium, they become permanent; add stitching and the results are amazing. Natalie just loves the Misti Alpaca hand-painted chunky yarn at the moment. Oh so soft and comforting on cold winter days. So drop in and be inspired by our diverse range.











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# 5. Tothess QUILTAHOLICS

Where's Totness: An excellent question, as very few Hills people know where it is! We're a tiny suburb on the road between Hahndorf and Littlehampton, on the other side of the freeway from Mt Barker – five minutes from the Beerenberg strawberry farm at Hahndorf and just a couple of minutes from the Mt Barker Freeway. Exit 400m down the road to Hahndorf.

**Where in Totness:** 25 Mt Barker Road. We're opposite Dutton Holden and between Davey Pumps and Dutton Mitsubishi, in a gorgeous 1880, two-storey stone cottage.

Who plays host: Established in August 2002 by owner Cheryl DiMonte. Cheryl has help from her daughter, AnnaLisa, and very talented Hills resident Heather Rutschack. Our store is renowned for friendly service, and we have won three awards for best service/patchwork shop in SA.

Worth visiting because: We have 3000-plus bolts of fabric, including the best range of flannels in SA. We also have the Jinny Beyer palette, Thimbleberries, children's and 'blokey' fabrics, just to name a few, plus DMC threads and much, much more. We serve wonderful cappuccino and T2 tea from our little country kitchen, along with delicious homebaked goodies and light lunches. Enjoy these goodies either on the verandah overlooking our pretty cottage garden or upstairs in the quilt gallery. If you're visiting for a while, enquire about our Stitch'n'Chat days or lessons with the talented and award-winning Ming Hsu. Bus groups are very welcome by appointment: just book ahead for details of free morning tea and goody bags with purchase for bus groups.



Give us a call to check our open hours over public holidays such as Easter and Christmas/New Year.

What we recommend: Make sure you allow plenty of time to browse through our gorgeous store and get inspired by our quilt gallery upstairs. We have a great range of precuts and kits with samples made up, so you can get lots of ideas for how to make the most of that special piece of fabric. Judy Golder doll kits and Leesa Chandler patterns are particular favourites. And we haven't forgotten the hubby! He's welcome to sit on the verandah and enjoy our range of magazines.

Address: 25 Mt Barker Road, Totness, SA 5250

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# 6. Flagstoff Hill WIDEBACKS AUSTRALIA

Where's Flagstaff Hill: A suburb on the southern outskirts of Adelaide. Where in Flagstaff Hill: We can be easily found on Daveys Road (just off Blacks Road) at the back of the golf course. This is a lovely quiet location, with koalas in the gum trees in the carpark and on the golf course. Just 10 minutes from Blackwood, and about 20 minutes from Glenelg. Who plays host: Brenda Wade with the support team of Val, Sara, Rachelle and Tracy.

Worth visiting because: You'll receive a warm, friendly welcome when you visit, and with a nice cup of tea or coffee generally offered, you'll feel right at home! We always strive to provide the best service, so you can be sure of receiving all the help and advice you need. As our name suggests, we specialise in wide-width fabrics, and we have the largest selection of quality wide-width (2.75m/108in wide) fabrics in the world! Browse through our huge selection of precuts, with over 50 different fat quarter bundles, along with jelly rolls, layer cakes, and fat eighth bundles, and we have new stock arriving daily. We have a comprehensive range of 112cm/44in wide 'blenders', including Stonehenge, Shadowplay, Shimmer, Bella Solids and more, along with our excellent selection of wide and regular width batiks

What we recommend: Send us snippets of the fabrics you used in your quilt, and we will send you samples of which fabrics would be perfect for your quilt backing. We regularly send samples, and this is a complimentary service we offer. After all, "It's all about the quilts", and that's what we are passionate about – we want to help you to get it right! We do love Rachelle Denneny's new range of patterns, which Rachelle teaches

from Timeless Treasures, Anthology, Moda and others.



during our Quilt of the Month classes, held twice a month in our studio. These patterns are now available and we can kit them up for you in your choice of fabrics.

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Website: www.widebacks.com.au



# 7. How PATCHWORK BY SEA

**Where's Hove:** Hove is in the western suburbs of Adelaide, only 3.5km south from Glenelg and 1km from Brighton.

Where in Hove: Shop 5/365 Brighton Road. Brighton Road runs south from Glenelg to the southern suburbs of Adelaide. It is a quick trip by train from the CBD and it's just a 300m walk from the Hove railway station to the shop.

Who plays host: Jennifer and Terry

Worth visiting because: Patchwork By Sea was established in 1998 and moved to its current location in April 2014. Our new shop is very bright and spacious and we have ample parking located at the rear of the shop. We pride ourselves on friendly and helpful service. Our range of fabrics include Japanese, William Morris, and Lynette Anderson prints with a variety of basic lines. We also offer a great range of patterns and kits and a good variety of block of the month quilts, with many being exclusive to our shop. The full range of these quilts can be seen on our new website. Regular classes are held from beginners through to advance technique classes. Our free-motion machine-quilting classes are conducted with Rachelle Denneny, one of Australia's leading quilters.

What we recommend: If you're local, come along to one of our weekly Sew & Chat classes, which are always full of laughter and friendship.

Address: 5/365 Brighton Road, Hove, SA 5048

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# 8. Highgate create in stitch

**Where's Highgate:** Only 15 minutes from the CBD, Highgate is fast becoming the creative hub of Adelaide.

**Where in Highgate:** 433A Fullarton Road. Travelling from the city, Create in Stitch is on the right, just as you approach Highgate. There's convenient free parking at the rear.

**Who plays host:** Simela is the owner of this beautiful new needlework store.

Worth visiting because: For us, it's all about stitches and creating with a needle - we help you to Create in Stitch! Anyone who loves creating with needle and thread will feel right at home at Create in Stitch. Our walls are lined with cotton, wool and silk threads in all the colours of the rainbow. We carry an extensive range of luxurious Swiss voile and silk fabrics, gracefully draped over rolls, and our shelves are neatly stacked with cosy wool blanketing and quality linens. One end of the store is filled from floor to ceiling with a large selection of magazines and books for your inspiration, and our vast choice of embroidery kits and patterns have something to offer everyone. From the novice stitcher to the seasoned embroiderer, you're bound to find a project you love and to perhaps work on in our regular stitch-and-chat classes. With so much to discover and admire, it's a good thing we have comfortable chairs for you to sit and relax and quietly enjoy it all. If you can't drop in for a visit, you can visit us on the Create in Stitch website, and we happily ship all over the world. You can also like us on Facebook.

What we recommend: Create in Stitch is one of the few places where you can still have heirloom garments for christening and other special



#### CREATE IN STITCH

occasions made to order. Our unique service is beautifully complemented by an exciting range of quality gifts and children's wear, which has been sourced from Australia and afar.

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## 9. Hindmarsh HETTIE'S PATCH

Where's Hindmarsh: A suburb of Adelaide, just north of the CBD. Where in Hindmarsh: 294 Port Road. Close to the city at Bus Stop 8, it is also a short walk from the Entertainment Centre Metro tram stop. Who plays host: The store is run by Lorraine and her friendly and helpful staff. Worth visiting because: You'll find a variety of stock to cover all tastes. We have something for everybody, with our large selection of renowned designer fabrics, including, Liberty Tana Lawn and Liberty Art fabric, linens, children's prints and reproductions, wool felt and felted wool and much more. We are happy to help with colour choice and selections if you're stuck. We're also one of the few shops locally to stock the gorgeous Tilda range of fabrics, books and accessories. Aurifil sewing threads are one of our favourites, and we also love Cosmo and Valdani threads for embroidery and hand quilting. You'll find an extensive range of English paper-piecing papers, templates and notions and, given the popularity of handwork at the moment, we have added specialised hand and paper piecing and quilting classes to our class lists. Details of what's happening at Hettie's Patch can be found on our website or you can follow us on Facebook.

**What we recommend:** Classes run six days a week. We regularly invite interstate teachers to Hettie's to teach over a weekend. These classes are popular and fill quickly, so you'd better get in fast!

Address: 294 Port Road, Hindmarsh, SA 5007

Phone: (08) 8346 0548

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Website: www.hettiespatch.com



# 10. Modbury a quilter's odyssey

**Where's Modbury:** A suburb just 25 minutes north from Adelaide CBD, along North East Road.

Where in Modbury: Shop 17, Modbury Triangle Shopping Centre, 954 North East Road. Close to Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre and Busway Terminus – a short walk. We're inside the shopping centre, opposite the bakery.

**Who plays host:** Kate and her group of wonderful helpers – Sue, Lynn, Faye, Halina, Anna and Maureen.

Worth visiting because: We have a large range of reproduction fabrics, along with black and whites and bright colours in between. You'll find plenty of notions and, if you're after inspiration, we have books and patterns, many of which are Kate's designs. Our daily sewing circles are great for a chat and to stitch in a friendly atmosphere. Our teachers have skills covering machine or hand piecing, challenging projects or beginner quilts. If you need it, help is always available on the project of your choice. Large groups are always welcome, and we are also willing to bring our shop to your group – just ask Kate about her trunk show with lots to tempt and inspire you!

**What we recommend:** English paper piecing using Sue Daley products is among our favourites. We also love Sewline products, which are useful with any project at any time.

Address: Shop 17, Modbury Triangle Shopping Centre,

954 North East Road, Modbury, SA 5092

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Website: www.aquiltersodyssey.com.au





#### 11. Gawler KORNACRAFT SEWING CENTRE

Where's Gawler: At the junction of country and city, the gateway to the famous Barossa and Clare Valley wine regions.

**Where in Gawler:** 108 Murray Street. When you turn off the highway, you'll travel down the main street, and we're on the left – just look for the old treadle sewing machine outside.

**Who plays host:** Kim and Chris with the help of our casual staff Jenni, Kay and Jenni's daughter, Clarissa.

Worth visiting because: We're more than a quilt shop, as we consider ourselves to be a place where you can learn, be inspired and, of course, motivated by our huge and comprehensive range. We have a classroom area used regularly with our sewing, quilting, card-making and decorativepainting classes. The class area is lined with all our pretty and colourful quilting fabrics - perfect inspiration! There is also huge range of books, patterns, sewing tools, batting and threads to help you with your current crafting project. We stock a good selection of Janome, Brother and Babylock machines, with Chris providing in-store machine servicing. Keep up to date with us on Facebook and see what we're pinning on Pinterest. What we recommend: Our very favourite products in store at the moment are the new softies from Riley Blake. We have catered for the boys with a dinosaur, and the owl is pretty special. Our block of the month is Vintage Rouge, which uses traditional needleturn appliqué and English paper piecing in traditional colours of red, green and cream fabrics. To help in our classes, we offer a basic sewing machine, which you can hire for \$10 during a workshop - suitable for piecing with a 1/4 in foot provided. It saves you having to bring your machine in store.



Address: 108 Murray Street, Gawler, SA 5118

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Website: www.Kornacraft.com.au

## 12. Jamestown CHARLENE'S

Where's Jamestown: North of the Clare Valley on RM Williams Way. Call in on your way to the beautiful Flinders Ranges.

Where in Jamestown: 80 Ayr Street. We're in the main shopping precinct, and we're a few stores up from the local bakery.

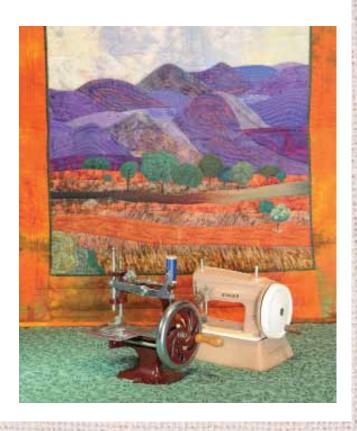
Who plays host: Elaine Flower

Worth visiting because: For quilters and crafters, we are the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. People travel far and wide to visit Charlene's, knowing they'll find what they're looking for in our unique store. We will happily help bring your quilting project to life with our selection of more than 4000 bolts of fabric including florals, geometrics, brights and pastels, novelty prints, flannels, Cuddle Me and polo fleeces. There's also batting and wide quilt backs, tapestry wools and threads, ribbons, lace, buttons, scissors, rulers, cutting mats and inspiring craft and needlework books – everything a crafter needs. Charlene's is also home to an impressive collection of more than 90 historic sewing machines: I even have some dating back to the late 1800s and early 1900s machines – you'll find Elnas, Naumanns and Singers, most in working condition. We're open weekdays 10am-5pm and Saturday 9am-11.30am. Group bookings are welcome.

What we recommend: We have a great selection of quality products that stand the test of time, so all of your hours of work on your projects will give you years of satisfaction.

Address: 80 Ayr Street, Jamestown, SA 5491

Phone/fax: (08) 8664 1511



#### 13. Port Pirie COUNTRY HART DESIGNS

Where's Port Pirie: 200km north of Adelaide along the Princes Highway/National Highway.

Where in Port Pirie: Enter Port Pirie through the roundabout onto Main Road then, at the traffic lights, turn left, and the shop is the fourth on your left.

Who plays host: Robyn and Abbie

Worth visiting because: When you visit Country Hart Designs, you'll find it bursting with quaint country character. Our shelves are filled to the brim with more than 1500 bolts of fabric from all the top designers, along with patterns, books, notions and Country Hart's own original patterns. Stitching groups meet on Thursday evenings at 5pm and Saturday mornings at 9.30am, and everyone is very welcome. Groups of five or more will be treated to a free morning tea – just ring ahead and let us know you're coming. We also offer quilting with 'Lily', the long-arm quilting machine housed in the back room, so you can be assured of not only a quality quilting job but also a quick turnaround on your quilts. Visit our website for all our news and details on all upcoming stitching gatherings and workshops.

**What we recommend:** When you visit the store, you can also check out Robyn's book, *My Sewing Room*, for extra inspiration.

Address: 13 Alexander Street, Port Pirie, SA 5540

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# 14. Tumby Bay patches at the bay

Where's Tumby Bay: Located on the east coast of the Eyre Peninsula about 45km northeast of Port Lincoln. It's a coastal paradise of white sandy beaches, pristine blue waters and protected bays for all manner of aquatic activities.

Where in Tumby Bay: Shop 1, 1 Lipson Road. Following the Lincoln Highway, turn right into Bratten Way and continue on to North Terrace. Then turn left into Lipson Street. Patches at the Bay is immediately on the right.

Who plays host: Helen and her wonderful group of dedicated volunteers. Worth visiting because: Patches at the Bay is not an average craft and quilting store. We're run by a group of dedicated women who do it for the community - we're volunteers. Our unique venture had an unusual beginning. The local supermarket was the only place in Tumby Bay to get fabrics, wool and notions - so, when the shop was sold and the new owner was thinking of getting rid of this department, a local lady stepped in to save the supply source. She proposed that an alternative location be found in town for the fabrics, wool and haberdashery and persuaded other like-minded women to be volunteers, and thus Patches at the Bay was born. We've operated the business since October 2003 and provide a friendly atmosphere for our customers. As well as patchwork fabrics, we stock a huge range of wool, haberdashery and general craft supplies. We try to source what our customers need whenever possible so the stock is changing constantly - something we see as a real strength of the store. We provide lots of inspiring workshops as well as holiday classes for the kids.





What we recommend: Creative Clothing is a range of ladies' blouses and rugby tops designed and handmade individually by Helen. Each garment features appliqué, patchwork or coordinating fabric trims. The sizes are XS to XL (8-24). Each garment is a little different from the others, so they really are one of a kind. A selection of garments is stocked at Patches at the Bay, or you can call 0409 211 986 for further details.

Address: Shop 1, 1 Lipson Road, Tumby Bay, SA 5605

Phone: (08) 8688 2999

Email: patchesatthebay@gmail.com

# 15. Port Lincoln RUBY & KATE

Where's Port Lincoln: Port Lincoln is situated 700km from Adelaide on the beautiful west coast of South Australia.

Where in Port Lincoln: 29 Blackman Place. We are located inside the Port Lincoln Food Warehouse, just behind Kmart.

Who plays host: Chris and Jasmine Richardson, along with our friendly staff. Worth visiting because: When you step through our arch, you will find an explosion of colour and inspiration greeting you. Our fabric ranges include Amy Butler, Kaffe Fassett, Tilda, French General and Liberty – plus, we are ever expanding our range (and our shop). We share a love of all things patchwork and quilting, and you'll find a great range of bright and funky knitting and crochet yarns, sewing accessories, clothing patterns, giftware and handmade goodness. Also, we have a lovely display of modern-meets-traditional quilts and kits, block of the month programs, bags, dolls and much more.

What we recommend: Our regular classes are a hit with our customers, so pop down and enjoy a cappuccino and a chat with our friendly staff, who are always there to help and pass on any advice. For those of you who can't pop in, we have an online sign up for our regular newsletter, plus a blog that's updated regularly on our website. And for those of you on Facebook, pop over to our page and 'like' us to stay updated day to day!

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#### 16. Ceduna CRAFT DE EYRE

Where's Ceduna: You'll find Ceduna on the beautiful Eyre Peninsula, near where the Eyre Highway and Flinders Highway converge.

Where in Ceduna: 43 Poynton Street. We're on the main street in town, opposite the Tourist Information Centre.

Who plays host: Run by Elaine Kerridge and Joanne Genrich Worth visiting because: We have a passion for all things crafty and we love to share our enthusiasm with our customers. Elaine is in store every day, and with her wealth of knowledge in machine sewing, you'll be sure to receive help and advice – and she also looks after the professional quilting with the A1 quilting machine kept on the premises. Joanne is an avid hand sewer and just loves hand embroidery and appliqué. Our different tastes ensure we cover a huge range of styles and techniques in all things crafty. We have a great selection of products, including fabrics and plenty of kits. Every Tuesday night, starting at 6.30pm, we host a 'come and complete' night, where you can bring those unfinished projects to complete in the company of friends.

**What we recommend:** The *Pipkins Pincushion*, by Petals & Patches, is 8½ in x 4in, not including the stand, for \$32 plus p&h for the full kit. *Freeport Gatherer Bag*, by Aunties Two Patterns (shown right), is \$49.95 for the full kit and measures 13in x 9in.

Address: 43 Poynton Street, Ceduna, SA 5690

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