

On the road

NORTH & CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

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1. Cairns KAY'S FABRICS



Where's Cairns: Cairns is situated in Far North Queensland, where the Reef meets the Rainforest.

Where in Cairns: 473-475 Mulgrave Road, Earlville (Cairns). We're just 10 minutes from the city centre, beside Stockland Earlville Shopping Centre.

Who plays host: Sandra, Kay and our friendly staff.

Worth visiting because: For crafters, excitement starts as soon as you step into our shop with more than 8,000 quality patchwork

fabrics to choose from, with prices starting at \$10.95 per metre. We also stock Janome, Husqvarna Viking, and Babylock sewing and embroidery machines and overlockers. For embroidery enthusiasts, we have embroidery designs from Anita Goodesign, EME, Jenny Haskins and more. We have a large range of Floriani stabilisers and embroidery threads, and we also provide an embroidery service. Patchwork and embroidery classes are held every day through the week, in skill levels ranging from beginners to advanced. Not only are we the largest patchwork store in North Queensland, but we're lucky enough to be based in one of the most beautiful parts of Australia, so it's the perfect place for a patchwork holiday. Groups are welcome to visit.

What we recommend: Call in and meet Sandra, Kay and the friendly staff, and join us for a coffee and chat. If you need some advice on patchwork or embroidery, just ask us and we'll be happy to help. With such a large range of patchwork fabric to choose from, we're sure you will find something to suit your needs, and a little something extra.

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2. Mareeba SEWING ESSENTIALS



Where's Mareeba: Mareeba is situated only 40 minutes west of Cairns, up the range past iconic Kuranda. Like your coffee? You're in luck! Mareeba is the coffee-growing capital of Queensland.

Where in Mareeba: 140 Byrnes Street. We're located centrally in Mareeba on the main shopping strip.

Who plays host: Colleen Owens.

Worth visiting because: As our name suggests, all of your essential sewing needs can be found in our store. We have pins, needles, thread, scissors and other haberdashery, crochet

and knitting yarn, hooks and needles, fabric for dress and craft, embroidery threads, ribbon, buttons – you name it! We are a small town one-stop sewing shop, with the type of friendly service you expect in the country. We use what we sell, and are happy to assist, share experiences and help out in any way we can. If you're in the market for a new sewing machine, we sell Elna and Husqvarna Viking sewing machines and we stock the Accuquilt Go! range. Many locals join our classes to learn sewing, patchwork and hand embroidery, and visitors are more than welcome to join in. Beginners are welcome, or those with more experience can refine their skills. Our classes are always full of smiles, chatting and laughter, so pop in for a few classes, or many, and you'll be sure to have a great time! You can also find Sewing Essentials Mareeba on Facebook.

What we recommend: If you can't pop in all the time to see what is new, our blog is constantly updated – where a picture is worth more than a thousand words. If you're travelling to the Cape, as we are the last fabric stop before venturing on a trip to Cape York, visitors travelling north find it the perfect store to top up on sewing supplies before moving on.

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Phone: (07) 4092 1078 **Email:** info@sewingessentials.com.au

Website: www.sewingessentials.com.au

3. Townsville JANOME TOWNSVILLE OLIVE BRANCH QUILTS

Where's Townsville: On the upper north coast of Queensland, south of Cairns, Townsville is one of the largest northern towns of Queensland and a popular tourist destination, with Magnetic Island just off the mainland's coast.

Where in Townsville: 3/277 Charters Towers Road. You can find us on the Rising Sun Intersection in the Townsville suburb of Mysterton, just opposite Bob Jane T-Mart.

Who plays host: Carmel Gage with the help of Eva a couple of days a week, and Sue takes the classes.

Worth visiting because: After working as a nurse for 36 years, I decided to open my own shop, and a couple of years on, I'm still enjoying it! While the store is only a couple of years old, I've been quilting for 10 years and I love talking to visitors about all things quilting. You'll find a mix of good quality 100 per cent cotton fabrics in styles including shabby chic, romantic and earthy, along with children's ranges, Tilda and much more. We also have plenty of kits and block of the months and a large range of notions. We are Janome dealers, so you'll find a range of Janome sewing machines and accessories in store. If you can't make it during open hours, we can open the shop for you: just ask!

What we recommend: Our regular classes and sit and stitch sessions are always lots of fun. Everyone is welcome to join, and Sue, who runs the classes, is a wonderful teacher.



Address: 3/277 Charters Towers Road, Mysterton, Qld 4812

Phone: (07) 4755 2336

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4. Mackay NEEDLEWORX

Where's Mackay: The southern gateway to the Whitsunday Region on the Central Queensland coast.

Where in Mackay: Corner Sams and Willetts Roads. We are located immediately over the Pioneer River when you are heading north on the A1. Turn eastward at the Sams Road intersection, and we are on the left at the next corner, where Willetts Road intersects Sams Road – you can't miss us!

Who plays host: Chris and Ray Cross.

Worth visiting because: We're known as the "hardware store for the ladies", and when you visit, you'll see why. If you like to explore the many different and unique craft offerings out there, you'll find our range interesting. We have a great selection of quality patchwork fabrics, dressmaking fabric to suit the climate, bridal and dance costumes. You'll also find a huge range of haberdashery, notions, trims and laces. For the needlework enthusiasts, we have all the popular threads and evenweave specialties, so you'll find something ideal for your needs. With such a wide range, it is no wonder that we're known as the hardware store for the ladies.

What we recommend: What we love is the surprise customers show when they find something that they can't get elsewhere. We are sourcing products from all over and are happy to buy for our customer needs, so if you want something in, just ask us.



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5. Emerald EMERALD FABRIC BOUTIQUE



Where's Emerald: Emerald is approximately 270km west of Rockhampton.

Where in Emerald: 3/107 Clermont Street. When you go over the Nagoa River and into Clermont Street, we are on your right and have bright blue signs. We also have our historic railway station just a bit further up.

Who plays host: Owned by Jenita Black with the help of daughter Gitana to run the store, and Fran, Christine, Evelyn and Di are on the floor, helping out as well.

Worth visiting because: In our 12 years of operating, we've often been complimented on the friendly atmosphere and our dedication to teaching. We carry a large variety of fashion fabrics for all sewers, but we do specialise in top-quality fashion fabric, some by Australian designers, and European designs. Our large range of patchwork fabrics is also popular, with all sorts of designs – something for everyone! We have a range of patterns for dressmaking, patchwork and bags and we've had Elna in our store for some years now and offer a repair service. We have such a wide variety of stock, there is just too much to mention, so you'd be better coming to the store to check it out for yourself. We're confident you won't be disappointed. You can also find us on Facebook.

What we recommend: Classes are very popular. They're run on a weekly basis, teaching patchwork, dressmaking, drafting skills and so much more. We teach beginners through to advanced and host a variety of workshops throughout the year.

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6. Rockhampton PATCHWORK PARADISE



Where's Rockhampton: Near the Tropic of Capricorn, Rockhampton is the beef capital of Australia.

Where in Rockhampton: 128 William Street. Turn off the Bruce Highway by the Caltex service station near the signs for the railway station. Our shop is located on the left side of William Street, just off the Bruce Highway heading towards the Fitzroy River and CBD.

Who plays host: Margaret Olive.

Worth visiting because: Browse our extensive range of fabrics (over 7,000 bolts available in store), including backing fabrics, patterns, batting, books, threads and quilting tools. We have a huge range of patchwork and quilting items to satisfy your creativity and to inspire you, and our fabric range includes Jinny Beyer, Moda, Riley Blake, Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, Kaufman and Maywood Studio, to name a few. The store is adorned with a vast array of full-sized quilts to whet your appetite, and we have patterns or block of the month kits to match. We have a great selection of DMC, Cosmo and Country Garden threads. You can also have a look at our website and like us on Facebook.

What we recommend: Where do we start? In addition to our large stock of quilt patterns and fabrics, we have an extensive range of Judy Niemeyer patterns and batiks along with bag patterns and toy patterns from Melly & me. We have nearly 100 ladies in our social groups, and we also hold workshops with visiting tutors and classes regularly.

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7. Rockhampton NEEDLEWORK COTTAGE

Where's Rockhampton: Rockhampton in Central Queensland, is known as the beef capital of Australia, and the ocean is only a short drive away.

Where in Rockhampton: 194 Quay Street. The historic Quay Street is not only a beautiful location for all of the old, historic buildings, but directly across the road from the lovely Fitzroy River, making it the most spectacular spot to have a shop. We're only a couple of doors from the famous Customs House building, the Rockhampton Art Gallery and some really nice coffee shops.

Who plays host: Mother-daughter team of Dianne and Sloane, with the help of Anne-Maree.

Worth visiting because: There is something for everyone at Needlework Cottage in our Aladdin's Cave of sewing treasures. We have such a wonderful wide range of patchwork fabrics, including Indigenous prints and cloth-book panels, which are very popular among our large range of panels. We also have a wonderful selection of haberdashery items, linens and Aida. We have the full range of DMC pearl cotton as well as Finca pearl and stranded cotton, and to stitch your embroidery on, we have Lugana, Cashel Linen, Adia, Huck and surface linens. We love helping our customers to create beautiful pieces, some of which we like to showcase on our Facebook page, so check us out on Facebook to see what has been happening in store.



What we recommend: We just love to show and recommend products to our customers that can help make your work more enjoyable, and we find the Clover range of products perfectly fit the bill, because they are quality products that are comfortable to use. A couple of our must-haves are the Clover needle threader and the soft touch crochet hooks – real favourite of ours.

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8. Gladstone SEW PATCH N QUILT

Where's Gladstone: On the Capricorn Coast, situated between Rockhampton and Bundaberg. Just over an hour drive south of Rockhampton. Turn off the highway at Calliope and head towards the coast.

Where in Gladstone: Currently at 2/281 J Hickey Avenue in the Airport Shopping Village. Go past the airport and turn left into J Hickey Avenue. We may be moving soon to a new location not too far away, so please phone to confirm our whereabouts.

Who plays host: Terri along with Lynda and Trish.

Worth visiting because: We offer a huge range of everything you need to sew, patch and quilt. You can pick up a new sewing machine, from Pfaff, Janome, Bernina, Brother and Elna, or treat yourself to a new quilting machine from Handi Quilter. Our technician provides quality service and repairs on all makes of machine. The shop is a mass of bright beautiful colours, with our fabric shelves groaning under the weight! We carry all the bits and bobs you need for your quilts and sewing projects, and if we don't have it, we're happy to order it in for you. We have more than 30 backing fabrics in stock and offer a machine quilting service or, if you prefer, you can rent our longarm machine to quilt your own quilts quickly and easily. Classes are definitely our speciality, with classes in patchwork and machine embroidery as well as dressmaking and pattern drafting. The Kid's Club



also a popular addition to our class schedule.

What we recommend: We are excited to add tuffet making to our class list. We are the exclusive Australian distributor of patterns and kits for these gorgeous tuffets (pictured), and run regular classes on tuffet making. Everyone is falling in love with tuffets, and now you can, too!

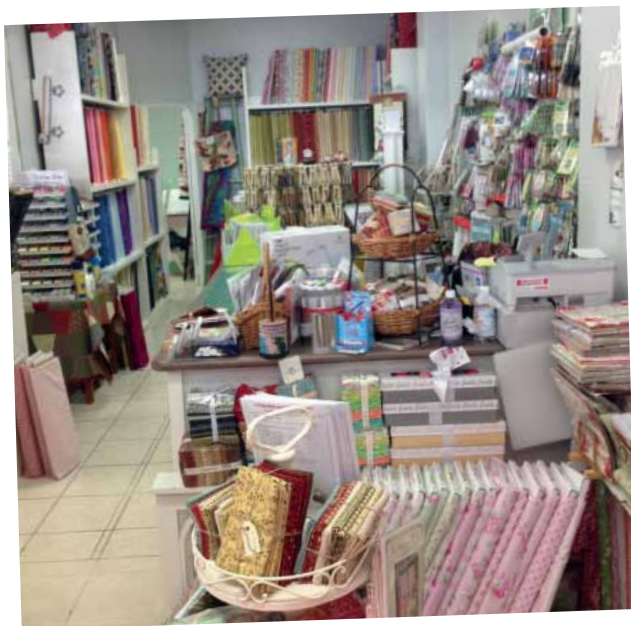
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Phone: (07) 4978 7772

Email: info@sewpatchnquilt.com.au

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9. Bundaberg TEACUP QUILTS AND NICETIES



Where's Bundaberg: In subtropical Queensland, four and a half hours north of Brisbane.

Where in Bundaberg: Shop 1, Bonalea Arcade, 58-62 Woongarra Street. Near the CBD McDonalds, and only two shops from the local ABC shop.

Who plays host: Julia Jenkins.

Worth visiting because: You'll be amazed by my range of 3,000 bolts of fabric, which includes some of the most-loved manufacturers – Tilda, Lecien, Moda and Liberty of London, just to name a few. I have your sewing essentials well covered, with Floriani products for machine embroidery, Belgian linen, Cottage Garden embroidery threads, general sewing needles, a great selection of patterns from both Australian and American designers and a good range of kits. With a little notice, I'm happy to accommodate larger groups, welcoming them with morning tea.

What we recommend: I'm always finding new and exciting products, including felted wool for appliqué (coming soon), plastic bag mesh from America in 10 different colours, purse frames and patterns. I also stock Anni Downs' fabrics and patterns as well as Sue Daley products.

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10. Bundaberg THE QUILTERS SHACK



Where's Bundaberg: Approximately 350km north of Brisbane, 20km inland from the coast.

Where in Bundaberg: 24 Quay Street. The main shopping street through town, just opposite the Burnett River. The store is bright pink and hard to miss!

Who plays host: Sue Ellen and her team.

Worth visiting because: Visitors to Bundaberg will be in for a treat when they visit The Quilters Shack. We have a huge range of fabrics, approximately 5,000 bolts – everything a quilter needs! We also stock a large range of patterns and kits, ready to go. Our thread ranges include Rasant, YLI, Wonderfil, Signature, DMC and Cottage Garden stranded cottons, just to name a few. You will also find a range of haberdashery, bear-making fur, sewing accessories, yarn, giftware and much more. We are also dealers for Pfaff, Husqvarna and Singer sewing machines and Handi Quilter quilting machines, so you'll find everything you need under one roof. Our helpful and friendly staff are always there to lend a hand, and they are very experienced in patchwork and quilting, so you'll receive the best possible help for your projects.

What we recommend: We simply love Libby Richardson's designs such as her beautiful *A Little Bit Country* design (pictured). It is available as a block of the month for \$35 per month, a full kit is \$350 and the pattern set is \$121, all with additional p&h.

Address: 24 Quay Street, Bundaberg, Qld 4670

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Website: www.thequiltersshack.com

11. Howard VAN COOTENS HOWARD DRAPERY

Where's Howard: Howard is a small rural town located in the Fraser Coast Region, 25 minutes from Hervey Bay and 20 minutes from Maryborough.

Where in Howard: 71 Steley Street. We're not too far from the railway, and there are several businesses nearby.

Who plays host: Owned and run by Trevor Whitby and his helpful staff member, Mandy.

Worth visiting because: Established over 40 years ago, we are a must-visit destination store for any crafter. Housing over 6,000 bolts of patchwork fabric and patchwork accessories, we stock everything a patchworker needs – from pins to backing fabric and batting. However, this is just the start of what's in store, with our ranges of curtain and dress fabrics, haberdashery and assorted craft accessories as well as manchester, clothing, shoes, wallets, bags and giftware. We are a good, old-fashioned country store with good, old-fashioned country hospitality. Craft groups both large and small are always welcome to visit. To make a group booking, please contact us in advance. You can also find us on Facebook: just search VanCootens Howard Drapery.

What we recommend: We carry a large range of patchwork fabrics to suit any serious patchworker, but we also pride ourselves on helping those crafters who are just beginning. We stock a huge range of patchwork panels, which make a great starting point for



an easy and quick quilt for anyone new to the craft.

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