

# On the road

## SOUTHERN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## 1. Esperance PATCHES N THINGS

**Where's Esperance:** Just west of the western corner of Israelite Bay, Esperance is 700km southeast from Perth and 400km due south from Kalgoorlie (the Golden Mile). It takes about seven hours to drive from Perth, one and a half hours by air and three days by cruise ship – so many choices!

**Where in Esperance:** Suite 1/120 Dempster Street. Driving in from the north on Coolgardie/Norseman Highway, it will turn into Dempster Street, so just follow your nose to McDonald's, and we are diagonally opposite the McDonald's. Go through the door for Bernie's Carpets, which is a family business we share our premises with.

**Who plays host:** Debra and Sheila with our other gorgeous ladies, Sharon, Olwyn and Margaret.

**Worth visiting because:** We are an interesting craft store, a bit like Aladdin's cave. We have fabrics for patchwork and apparel, along with wool/yarn, tapestry and embroidery threads. If you're after a new sewing machine, we stock Janome and Elna sewing machines. We also have dyes for fabrics, cross-stitch kits, embroidery table linen and much, much more. Our store is really worth visiting for a look at just how much we do have to offer.

**What we recommend:** Our most favourite thing is all the fabrics that we have – it's like Christmas when new fabrics arrive in store. We always find it most exciting to play with new fabrics



and create something for your loved ones, so don't forget to look at what new fabrics we have in store, and you never know, you could find the perfect ranges for your next project.

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## 2. Esperance JUST ONE MORE STITCH

**Where's Esperance:** Esperance is on the south-east coast of WA. It is mainly a farming/fishing and port town, however we are very famous for our fantastic beaches – you would be hard pressed to find better anywhere else in the world.

**Where in Esperance:** Unit E, 81 Dempster Street. We are hidden at the back of the Centrepont Arcade, behind the Professionals Real Estate Agency and the Toy Station. We can also be accessed from a carpark directly above us, opposite the library on Windich Street. The stairs and ramp bring you to our front door.

**Who plays host:** Leonie de Haas owns and runs the store with the assistance of her daughter, Haley Harvey.

**Worth visiting because:** Just One More Stitch is a certified Quiltworx store, and Leonie is a Certified Quiltworx Instructor (currently the only one in WA), so we stock and kit Quiltworx patterns and their lines of fabrics. We are also the local Janome dealer and have recently taken on selling Q'nique mid-arm quilting machines. Along with these, we stock wool, threads, haberdashery and much, much more. Another aspect of our business is the quilting service that we provide to customers. Our range of knitting and crochet yarns and patterns is growing almost daily, as is our range of fabrics.

**What we recommend:** Of course we recommend the Quiltworx range of patterns and their gorgeous fabrics – 'Reclaimed West'



**JANOME**



and 'Seasonal Portraits' – along with our selection of batik fabrics that coordinate with them. Each year, we host a number of quilting retreats; these are usually based on a Quiltworx pattern and are a huge amount of fun. We welcome people from everywhere to our classes, workshops and retreats and we love to host tour buses. But most of all, we recommend you pay us a visit, just because you can!

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**Phone:** (08) 9071 3355, or 0427 922 373

**Email:** just.one.more.stitch@bigpond.com

## 3. Bunbury 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, enter the large roundabout, head into the

city, turn right at the first set of lights you come to, and then left into Mummery Crescent – it's so easy. There's parking for cars, buses and even caravans.

**Who plays host:** Glenys Keegan

**Worth visiting because:** Craft Collections is 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 Kauffman. Plus, more than 50 sample quilts are 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. I also have unique and fun gifts and lots of ideas to inspire your creativity.

**What we recommend:** I take great pride in good customer service, making sure everyone has just what they want and need for their next creation – from tiny pincushions to huge hexagon quilts. I can also provide on-the-spot instruction and individual attention in classes, and the huge air-conditioned classroom is often full of laughter and the sound of speeding sewing machines. And, of course, the kettle is always on.

**Address:** Unit 1/13 Mummery Crescent, Bunbury, WA 6230

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## 4. Armadale COLOURS DOWN UNDER



**Where's Armadale:** A short drive south-east from Perth.

**Where in Armadale:** Shop 12, Pioneer Village. Located at the Old Pioneer Village on the corner of Albany and South Western Highways. If you can't visit the store, there is also an online shop.

**Who plays host:** Jo Bright

**Worth visiting because:** You'll find so much to see in store, including a whole room full of beautiful threads, a room of

charts and accessories, a room of linen, and a workshop and book room. In addition to my fantastic range, I also offer a couple of clubs. The Thread Collectors' 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 them for yourself? The 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:** I have a great selection of workshops and classes. The workshops include hardanger, ribbon embroidery, Brazilian embroidery, cross stitch and many more. Just contact me to receive a brochure of all our classes and workshops for 2016.

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**Phone:** (08) 9498 0073

**Email:** jo@coloursdownunder.com.au

**Website:** www.coloursdownunder.com.au

## 5. Willetton SOUTHLANDS FABRIC AND SEWING CENTRE

**Where's Willetton:** Willetton is 30 minutes from the CBD of Perth.

**Where in Willetton:** 29 Yampi Way. Just two minutes off the Leach Highway, which is a major road through the city. We're easy to find and well worth the visit.

**Who plays host:** Helen is the very hands-on owner and, together with her daughter, who does all the long-arm quilting, and her dear friend, Sharon, who is the patchwork teacher, a very comprehensive bank of knowledge is offered.

**Worth visiting because:** As we hold around 7,000 bolts of patchwork fabric, we have the largest shop in Perth. Bernina and Janome sewing machines are our standard machines for sale, but our serviceman looks after any brand. We also have a huge range of haberdashery, including lace, ribbon, buttons and products for your specialty patchwork requirements. Our range of flannelette and panels is also the most impressive in the Perth area. If you would like to book your group in for a visit, we offer a discount for the group along with a delicious home-baked morning or afternoon tea.

**What we recommend:** The classes we hold range from basic patchwork to advanced, hand needlework and both adult and children's dressmaking. Helen and her daughter both teach long-arm quilting: we have a Sweet 16 sit-down free-motion



quilting machine and an Avanti, as well. After you have become au fait with the long-arm machine, you can hire it for a small fee and finish your own quilt to the very end – how exciting! We also have a machine-embroidery teacher, Bernie, who teaches fabulous projects that you can make on any machine brand.

**Address:** 29 Yampi Way, Willetton, WA 6155

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**Website:** www.sewingperth.com.au

## 6. Willagee PATCHWORK AT HOMESPUN

**Where's Willagee:** Just 10 minutes east of historic Fremantle, and 15 minutes south of Perth.

**Where in Willagee:** 6 Harrison Street. Travelling on the Leach Highway towards Fremantle, turn left onto Northlake Road, and Harrison is the first street on the right.

**Who plays host:** Jacqui Smalley is the owner, with help from Noell, Sandra, Jill, Janette, Pip, Lynnie, Donna and Vanessa – we all look forward to helping you with all of your quilting needs.

**Worth visiting because:** We take pride in the welcoming feeling that our customers can expect when visiting us. Our philosophy is "sit long, sew much and laugh often", which is what many of our regulars enjoy and new visitors discover. We are happy to help you with fabric selections and tips or help you choose your next quilt journey. In addition, we have a large range of notions, quilt and bag patterns, books, batting, fabrics and threads, including Aurifil, Gütermann, DMC and Rasant. We also sell Janome sewing machines and accessories, organise servicing of machines, and have a large selection of Accuquilt cutters and dies. We have a large work area, which hosts weekly sewing and machine-embroidery classes, as well as a number of speciality workshops each month. Our monthly sewing groups cover appliqué, English paper piecing, Accuquilt GoGo Club, Block of the Month and Farmer's Wife Sew Along. The store is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am-4.30pm, and



Saturday, 10am-1pm. Bus groups are welcome to visit and, if you let us know of your visit in advance, we'll make sure you can enjoy a cuppa when you visit. Our mobile shop can also come to visit your group or retreat, with the latest fabrics and products on offer. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@patchworkathomespun) to keep up to date with the store.

**What we recommend:** We love Laurie Aaron Hird's new book, *The Farmers Wife 1930s*, so much we have a special sew along each month, where each member receives a gift to help them on their journey. You can also join our Block of the Month group for *Gossip in the Garden*, where we hold a brunch in the spirit of the quilt – with some sewing, of course! We also have new ranges by notables such as Kaffe Fassett, Kathy Doughty, Tula Pink, Joel Dewberry, Kate Spain and Amy Butler.

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## 7. Mount Hawthorn THE TEDDY TREE



**Where's Mount Hawthorn:** The leafy Perth suburb of Mount Hawthorn is just a 10-minute drive north of the CBD and easily accessible by bus and train.

**Where in Mount Hawthorn:** 226 Scarborough Beach Road. We're located along the high-traffic retail strip on Scarborough Beach Road and just on the corner of Egina Street, near a lovely little park – you can't miss us!

**Who plays host:** Jennie Boylan and her dedicated team of creators and volunteers are there to welcome you when you arrive in store.

**Worth visiting because:** In case you couldn'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. We also have a large range of giftware, including commercial bears, soft toys and collectables, including Charlie Bears, Gund, Jellycat and more. We have an ever-expanding range of eclectic patchwork fabrics and supplies and have recently branched out to include yarns for knitting and crochet in our range. If you're a quilting or crafting group and interested in visiting, just contact us to arrange a morning or afternoon tea visit for your next group outing. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what's happening in store.

**What we recommend:** We hold regular classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. They are suitable for all levels, from beginners to more advanced. Owner and artist Jennie Boylan specialises in teaching design and finishing techniques in bear making and has been lucky enough to start many bear artists on their own award-winning, bear-making journeys. We also hold classes and project-based workshops by local, interstate and internationally renowned bear artists throughout the year. Don't worry if bear making isn't your thing – we run beginner and basic classes in patchwork, quilting and crochet.

**Address:** 226 Scarborough Beach Road, Mount Hawthorn, WA 6016

**Phone:** (08) 9201 1011 **Email:** sales@teddytree.com.au

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## 8. Morley 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 there to help, and our teachers are always happy to share their expertise. We have so many fabrics, including Shadow Play, Fairy Frost, Handspray and Hoffman's 1895s Hand Dyed Watercolour

Bali Batiks, and much more, not to mention plenty of haberdashery and kits. We also offer a loyalty-card program for \$25 for 12 months, which offers 10 per cent off all purchases and class fees.

**What we recommend:** We just love Tula Pink. Especially the ranges 'Bumble' and 'Eden'. We have both of these ranges in stock, so be sure to come in and pick some up for yourself.

**Address:** 1/8 Dewar Street, Morley, WA 6062

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**Website:** www.quintessentialquilts.com.au

## 9. Midvale 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 with staff Julie Loveday, Jemima Flendt, Claire Turpin, Chris Kohl, Jennifer Bowers and Dawn Burton.

**Worth visiting because:** We have the largest range of fabric in Western Australia, with new stocks of Liberty fabrics and Kaffe Fassett. 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. Visitors find pattern selection easier when they can see the actual quilt in front of them. You can also see what kits we have on our website, and if you can't make it to our shop, why not have a browse on our online store? We also 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:** We're stockists of Pfaff, Janome and Brother sewing machines. If you're 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 that you're buying the right sewing machine for your sewing needs.



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