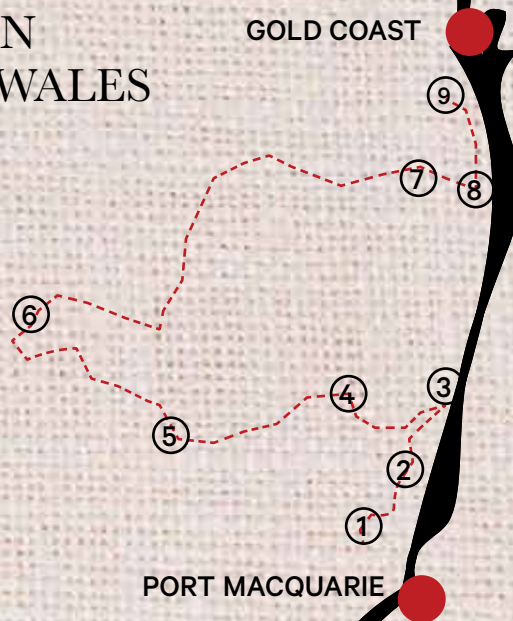


On the road

CRAFTY STOP-OFFS IN
NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES



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1. Kempsey CONNIE'S FABRICS

Where's Kempsey: On the Pacific Highway travelling north from Port Macquarie, with the Macleay River running through town.

Where in Kempsey: 22 Clyde Street. We're near the centre of town, just off the Macleay Valley Way, and next door to the IGA.

Who plays host: Connie Norberry

Worth visiting because: We opened our doors in 1993, and we still have the same passion today as we did back then. While we started as a dress fabric store, the years saw us evolve into a gorgeous craft shop, and we like to keep up to date with changing trends to suit the interests in visiting crafters. The store might look small from the outside, but you'll be pleasantly surprised by the sheer amount and variety of stock we have, with thousands of rolls of patchwork fabrics to tempt you. Patchwork classes are held every Thursday night from 6pm to 9.30pm. Day classes take place on Tuesdays from 9am to 2.30pm. Macleay Quilters also has a night group that meet in the store on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of every month. Our staff are always more than happy to help out with any problems you might have, and with our friendly and relaxed atmosphere, you'll feel right at home.

What we recommend: You can't go past a good quality sewing machine, and we are stockists for Janome machines, which are some of the industry's most trusted machines. Just ask us and we'll happily help you find the right machine for your sewing needs.

Address: 22 Clyde Street, Kempsey NSW 2440

Phone: (02) 6562 7792



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2. Macksville THE REMNANT BASKET

Where's Macksville: Halfway between Sydney and Brisbane, just south of Coffs Harbour with the Pacific Motorway running right through town.

Where in Macksville: 10 River Street. We're overlooking the beautiful Nambucca River in Macksville, and we're just off the highway, so access is easy.

Who plays host: Diane Banks

Worth visiting because: We stock a large range of fabrics in various styles, including panels, batiks, Christmas, Japanese, African, Australian, children's, food, Kaffe Fassett as well as other contemporary designers, 1930's, black and whites and a selection of cotton/linen blends. You'll also find wool, DMC stranded cotton and tapestry wool, Cottage Garden Threads, colour streams silk ribbon, lace, haberdashery and exclusive to The Remnant Basket are Diane's own designs. Out the back is our large classroom, which is always filled with social groups, where visitors are welcome to spend the day. Large groups and bus tours are always welcome, and there are always lots of beautiful quilts on display in store. Come visit us at Easter when we host our annual quilt show, where we showcase local work and quilts.

What we recommend: A very popular pattern has been Diane's own design, the Swaggie Symbol quilt (pictured). The quilt features the symbols that the swaggies left on gate posts to let other swaggies know about the conditions of each place they went to. The pattern comes complete with the symbol meanings and is available for \$17 including p & h.



Address: 10 River Street, Macksville, NSW 2447

Phone/Fax: (02) 6568 1829

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Website: www.remnantbasket.com.au

3. Coffs Harbour HUNTERS & COLLECTORS BARN

Where's Coffs Harbour: One of the most popular coastal summer holiday destinations in New South Wales. Further north from Port Macquarie, the Pacific Highway goes straight through the town.

Where in Coffs Harbour: 203 Rose Avenue. We used to be overlooking the Pacific Ocean, but just over a year ago, we relocated to a much more central location in the heart of Coffs Harbour, just on the side of the Pacific Highway – you can't miss us!

Who plays host: Janelle

Worth visiting because: We have a fantastic range of products for crafters, including a great selection of DMC and King Tut threads, buttons, embellishments, patterns and books. Patchworkers are in heaven with our three rooms full of delicious patchwork fabrics, quilt samples and plenty of packs and kits ready to go. The only problem is deciding what to pick! We are actively involved with the community, having been involved with the Coffs Quilter's annual show since its inception, as well as supporting other local events.

What we recommend: Classes are run on a regular basis with three talented tutors with their own unique style offering a lot of variety. The studio is open 9.30am–4.30pm every day except Sundays.

Address: 203 Rose Avenue, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Phone: (02) 6650 0017

Fax: (02) 6651 4982

Email: contact@huntersbarn.com.au

Website: www.huntersbarn.com.au



4. Dorrigo MISTY THREADS

Where's Dorrigo: Dorrigo is situated on top of the Dorrigo Plateau, and surrounded by rolling hills and luscious rainforests, and in town, you'll find quaint coffee shops and boutique stores. A very easy drive, 65kms west of Coffs Harbour, through the township of Bellingen and then up through the amazing Dorrigo World Heritage National Park. Dorrigo is approximately one and a half hours drive east of Armidale.

Where in Dorrigo? 40 Hickory Street. We are located in the heart of the township, next door to a Sweet Shop. As you approach the centre or town, driving east to west, turn right at the monument and you will find us half way along on the left with our door open, flags flying and of course, the coffee pot on.

Who plays host: Carolyn Hulbert

Worth visiting because: We offer old fashioned service, with friendly staff always ready and willing to help with your colour selection, fabric choice or any quilting techniques you might need help with. We have an ever growing range of top-quality patchwork fabrics and notions for your next project. For your other craft needs, we also offer a selection of knitting yarns, DMC threads, all sorts of crafty bits, templates and rulers, threads, buttons and bows, and much more.

What we recommend: Hop in the car with your sewing friends and take a drive to visit us. Come stay in Dorrigo for the weekend and check out our workshops. Our weekend tutor, Chris Timmins, offers professional tuition for the beginner or the advanced quilter. All classes include yummy homemade morning teas, fun times and the start of many great friendships.



Address: 40 Hickory Street, Dorrigo, NSW 2453

Phone: (02) 6657 1200

Email: mistythreads@skymesh.com.au

Website: www.mistythreads.com.au

5. Armidale GET STITCHED

Where's Armidale: Situated inland, midway between Brisbane and Sydney, Armidale is north-east of Tamworth and easy to get to travelling either from the north or south along the New England Highway.

Where in Armidale: 22 Moore Street. We are located in the CBD of Armidale, just off Beardy Street, and parking is a breeze with the huge Armidale Shopping Centre car park directly across the road.

Who plays host: Karyn Herbert

Worth visiting because: We have a wonderful selection of lovely fabrics, from brights to darks, and everything in between. We also have a great range of neutrals and Moda Bella solids. Our fabrics line the walls of the room which doubles as a class room, with their brilliant bursts of colour. As well as fabrics, we have DMC threads, general haberdashery supplies, rulers, Olfa cutters, battings, papers for paper piecing, and much more. We like to think of our store as a treasure trove for quilters, and we're sure you'll agree! So, drop in, browse, wander through the hallway and say hello, you're always welcome.

What we recommend: For 12 years, Karyn has been designing all sorts of kits and patterns, which we sell exclusively in store, especially kids quilts, with cute appliques and easy to follow instructions. Our block of the month quilts have become a regular feature and much sought after as they are largely precut, so all you have to do is take it to your sewing machine and stitch!

Address: 22 Moore Street, Armidale, NSW 2350

Phone: (02) 6771 5122

Email: karyn@getstitched.com.au

Website: www.getstitched.com.au



6. Inverell WELCOME BACK FABRIC BARN

Where's Inverell: Inverell is known as the Sapphire City and is nestled in a picturesque valley beside the MacIntyre River. You'll find us on the Gwydir Highway, linking the busy New England and Newell Highways.

Where in Inverell: 16 Sweaney Street. From the Tourist Information Centre, follow the lovely Captain Cook Drive along the river. We're located in the Country Fair building next door to Woolworths.

Who plays host: Catherine McIntyre with the help of Lyn and Anna.

Worth visiting because: Welcome Back Fabric Barn is just like its name, you're always welcome, and welcomed back. Come in and browse through our open and spacious shop, which includes a large classroom where we host numerous patchwork classes and social groups each week, which creates a hive of activity, friendship and plenty of laughter. We have an extensive range of patchwork fabrics, quilt backings, quilting supplies, fashion fabrics and patterns, curtain fabric and hardware, and much more. Our friendly staff are passionate quilters and sewers, who are always more than willing to help out with any questions you might have. With ever changing displays of quilts, new fabrics, panels and block of the months, there is always something around to inspire you. We have over 25 years of experience in sewing machine sale and servicing, with a qualified technician offering repairs and servicing of your machine. We're also dealers for Janome, Bernina and Pfaff sewing machines. Drop in for a visit from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, or Saturday from 9am to 12pm. Group bookings are welcome after hours by appointment.

What we recommend: It's hard to go past precuts, and we have a wonderful selection of precuts, including Moda fat quarters and other



patchwork fabrics. Our selection is second to none in the northwest of NSW.

Address: 16 Sweaney Street, Inverell, NSW 2360

Phone: (02) 6722 2644

Fax: (02) 6721 2547

Email: welcomebackfabricbarn@yahoo.com.au

7. Lismore RAINBOW PATCHWORK

Where's Lismore: About half an hour by car inland from both Byron Bay and Ballina. It is a major business centre for far northern NSW.

Where in Lismore? Coming down the Bruxner Highway from Ballina, cross the bridge and turn right. You will pass the Lismore train station on your left and we are a bit further down on the right next to the South Lismore Post Office.

Who plays host: Karen

Worth visiting because: We are a specialist patchwork and quilting shop providing a full range of products, giving visitors plenty of inspiration for quilting projects. Our shelves are filled with a large range of patchwork fabrics, from blenders to current ranges - we have close to 3000 bolts! We also stock various battings and wide backs and our Gammil long arm quilting machine is available to help you finish your quilts. We stock a range of patterns by Australian designers and we have all the usual notions and rulers needed for patchwork. We run a range of classes, and you can view our current list on our website. Groups are welcome to visit, and if you plan to arrive before 2pm, you can enjoy great coffee in the adjoining Espresso Bar.

What we recommend: Our favourite fabrics are the brights, we love the Kaffe collective range and the shot cottons and batiks that blend so well with them. The new Jennifer Paganelli range has just arrived and it is very inspiring. Karen enjoys making and designing kids quilts and has several kits made up, and some are from other Australian designers. After attending a Sue Daley workshop, Karen recently finished her first hand paper pieced quilt, so now we also stock the cardboard pre-cut shapes



and templates for English Paper Piecing.

Address: 75 Union Street, South Lismore, NSW 2480

Phone/fax: (02) 6622 3003

Email: info@rainbowpatchwork.com.au

Website: www.rainbowpatchwork.com.au

8. Ballina SPLASH INTO CRAFT

Where's Ballina: One of the more popular coastal destinations in Northern New South Wales, about 30km south of world-famous coastal town of Byron Bay.

Where in Ballina: 2/28 Southern Cross Drive. We're pretty easy to get to, on the road to the airport and only a short distance from the main shopping district of town and the Richmond River.

Who plays host: Sue Dearden

Worth visiting because: Five years ago, Sue started to dabble in patchwork fabric when a similar business in Ballina shut down. When Sue realised she couldn't go just half way into patchwork, she decided to open Splash into Craft. Years on, and we've made our mark on the local Ballina craft scene with our huge range of patchwork and craft supplies. We have about 3000 bolts of fabrics in all sorts of colours and styles, so you'll have no problems finding the right fabrics for your latest project, including quilt panels. You'll also find an extensive range of tapestry canvases, counted cross stitch kits, DMC stranded cottons and DMC tapestry wools. Visitors are also more than welcome to join in on our classes which we hold four to five days per week, so we've always got something happening in store!

What we recommend: Like most patchworkers, fabrics are our weakness, so we carry a broad range of fabrics. We have about 500 blender/tonals, and we always have new fabric ranges arriving weekly, so we're constantly updating our Facebook page with our new arrivals.

Address: 2/28 Southern Cross Drive, Ballina, NSW 2478

Phone: (02) 6686 8985 **Email:** splashintocraft@gmail.com

Website: www.splashintocraft.com.au



9. *Stokers Siding* MOO MOO STITCHES

Where's Stockers Siding: About 8 km south of Murwillumbah, turn right off Tweed Valley Way into Stokers Siding, (the second turn off is the best one to take). Stokers Siding is approximately 30 minutes south of Tweed Heads or 30 minutes north of Byron Bay. It's an easy drive with wonderful scenery along the way.

Where in Stokers Siding: 224 Stokers Road. We're on one of the only roads in the area, and without many houses or shops around, it's hard to miss us!

Who plays host: Owned and run by Marie Pegrum and Tina Neff.

Worth visiting because: Our store is a 100 year old historic house, stocked with a delicious selection of fabrics, a full supply of DMC threads, plenty of kits, unusual buttons, smocking dots, haberdashery and locally handmade gift items with many of the proceeds of these items, donated to charity. Check out our really useful wooden travel ironing boards with a compartment for fabrics or a small iron. We have a John Watts Long Arm quilting machine available for customer use, and we also provide machine servicing and repairs, as well as scissor sharpening. Join in on our daily classes, both instructional and a chance to finish off those UFOs, while Thursday mornings are for charity quilting, where everyone from near and far, are welcome to join in if you're in the area. We're also happy to cater for larger tours and bus groups, with tea and coffee supplied.



What we recommend: Our quality fabrics and appliqué sheeting is hard to resist, and we have a fantastic box of off cuts for appliqué and small projects. We also offer personalised assistance in choosing fabrics, matching designs and planning patterns, and with our policy of no minimal cut, what you want or need for your quilt, you can have. We also have a large table available for pinning or laying out your designs.

Address: 224 Stokers Road, Stokers Siding, NSW 2484

Phone: (02) 6677 9216

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Annie's Cottage Crafts

Wind in the Whiskers
Designed by McKenna Ryan

Petals of my Heart II
Designed by McKenna Ryan
Available as Patterns,
BOM or Individual Pattern Kits.
Finished size 56" x 51 1/2"

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