

ON THE Road



NEW ZEALAND

1. The Country Yard — Maungatapere

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You'll be welcomed by: Kerryn and her team of helpful staff

What's great about Maungatapere: There are plenty of beautiful beaches, stunning coastlines, the scenic Bay of Islands and it is also the home of the Kauri tree.

What you'll find in store: We're really one of a kind! Set in a picturesque garden setting, which is a popular summer wedding venue, this is destination shopping at its best.

After a stroll through our gorgeous garden, step in store and you'll find the shop brimming with an extensive fabric selection from many designers and fabric houses along with kits, patterns, threads, notions, homewares and more — a quilter's paradise! When you're in the area or visiting the nearby city of Whangarei, a visit is a must to enjoy the fresh and vibrant country-themed atmosphere of our purpose-built American-style barn.

Staff picks: We have so many favourites! We pride ourselves on an ever-changing variety of kits, mystery projects and blocks of the month.



2. Country Dawn Quilting & Patchwork — Whangarei

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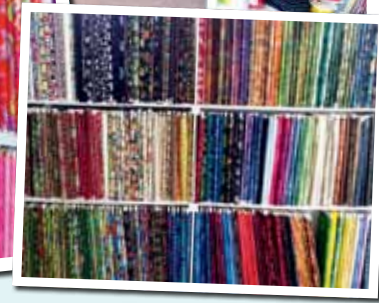
Website: www.countrydawnquilting.com

You'll be welcomed by: Sue Kernot and team Lyn Madden and Elizabeth Barr

What's great about Whangarei: The northernmost city in New Zealand has a lovely "at the beach" relaxed holiday pace. Beaches abound and subtropical temperatures are the norm. We have the marina right outside our front door! We have ample free parking, with art galleries, museums, great shopping and cafes close by.

What you'll find in store: We have a wide range of fabrics and precuts from Wilmington, Moda, Riley Blake, Kaffe Fassett, Robert Kaufman, Hoffman and more. If you're after some inspiration, we have a large assortment of kits to inspire you, along with panels, notions, and a huge selection of WonderFil, Cottage Garden and Cosmo embroidery threads. We are also the local Janome Sewing Centre with a range of demonstration sewing machines, overlockers, specialty machines and accessories, and we're also a service and repair drop-off point for all machine makes and models.

Staff picks: Elizabeth loves our Kiwiana fabrics, particularly



the Hoffman-produced Kiwiana Balis. Lyn picks the Sewline accessories and Japanese prints and Sue just loves fabric, particularly the collections of horses and other animals.

3. Cushla's Village Fabrics — Devonport

Address: 38 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland North Island

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Website: www.cushlasvillagefabrics.co.nz

You'll be welcomed by: Francie, Margaret and San-Marie, who look forward to welcoming you to the store

What's great about Devonport: Devonport is only a stone's throw across the harbour from Auckland City and only a short ferry ride or drive by car. It has two large hills to walk or drive up for some of the best views in Auckland, along with lovely shops, cafes and beaches all around. Devonport is a must see!

What you'll find in store: Like our sister store in Mapua, we are Janome stockists. We have a wide range of fabrics suiting many different tastes and needs, including children's, batiks, black and whites, orientals, Riley Blake ranges and Moda, especially French General. You'll also find a range of general haberdashery supplies and everything you need for your patchwork and quilting, including batting and threads. To inspire you, we have books and kits, many of which are our own designs. We run a range of classes from beginners to advanced, and throughout the year have several international tutors visiting us.

Staff picks: We have a great selection of block of the month programs, including our new block of the month, *My Menagerie* (pictured). Our version will feature a unique kiwi block.



4. Bernina Sewing Centre — Tauranga

Address: 387 Cameron Road, Tauranga, North Island

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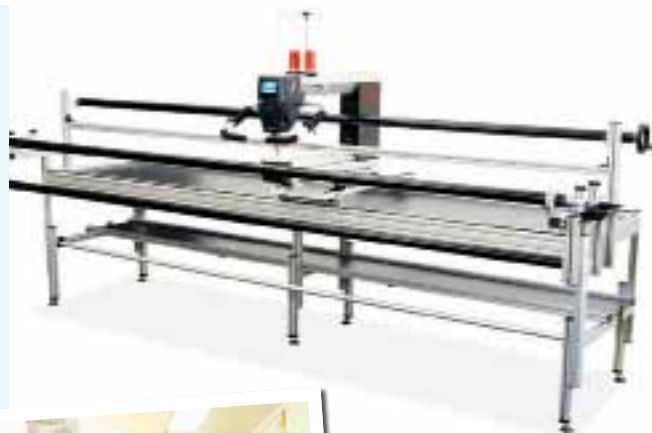
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Website: www.berninatauranga.co.nz

You'll be welcomed by: Sisters Robyn Curd and Glenda Moore

What's great about Tauranga: As the largest city in the picturesque Bay of Plenty region, Tauranga has wonderful retail therapy available, and at only 15 minutes from the beach at the picturesque Mount Maunganui, it makes the perfect place for a relaxing and leisurely break.

What you'll find in store: We're celebrating 45 years in business, and one year in our new location, and we're also proud to be the top dealer sales and largest Bernina dealer in New Zealand! Along with all sorts of Bernina sewing and quilting machines, overlockers and accessories, there are plenty of beautiful Kiwiana fabrics, threads, and quilting accessories including Clover, Prym and the Sewline product range. One of our greatest successes has been our Bernina Club, which is now into its 26th year and teaches over 200 ladies every month. If you're not a local, don't worry, you can join our Bernina Club classes online too and learn lots of sewing tips and tricks — just register for the Bernina Club on our website. We have also just received a fantastic new range of dress fabrics including winter knits and beautiful laces — come in and grab a bargain before they all sell out!



Staff picks: We love the new Bernina Q Series of quilting machines, with 24in of throat space, fully front operated and unique ergonomics, up to 2200 stitches per minute, unique tension control and a whole host of other great features.

5. JJ's Crafts — Napier

Address: 243 Gloucester Street, Greenmeadows, Napier North Island

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You'll be welcomed by: Jan and her team

What's great about Napier: Napier is the Art Deco city of the world, so you simply must take a walking tour around all the beautiful Art Deco architecture, or visit in February to join in the fun of the Art Deco weekend in Napier.

What you'll find in store: We have a grand selection of quilting fabrics in all sorts of styles for your projects, along with a range of quilting patterns and accessories to please the avid quilter. You'll also find selections of embroidery kits, patterns and many different threads, along with Mill Hill beads, Maria George beads, Delica beads and more. We specialise in many block of the month projects, some of which feature gorgeous Kaffe Fassett fabrics and some that use batik fabrics among others.

Staff picks: We have heaps of Christmas project kits from our Christmas Club, which is always really popular. One of our favourite block of the month projects is the new *Dog Park* from McKenna Ryan. This is a new project, so contact us to register your interest now.



6. The Quilters Barn — Blenheim

Address: The Vines Village, 193 Rapaura Road, RD3, Blenheim, Marlborough South Island

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You'll be welcomed by: Fiona Higgins and Venice Langrope

What's great about Blenheim: Our store is situated about 10 minutes out of Blenheim at The Vines Village, where there is a range of shops including a wine-tasting room and a cafe, making it a great place to visit. Marlborough is renowned for being the best wine region in New Zealand, with an annual wine festival and a biannual air show.

What you'll find in store: Our slogan is "Nurturing your creativity" and when you visit you will see why, with our vast range to suit all types of crafts. We have a great selection of patchwork and quilting fabrics, about 3500 in fact, including a large range of New Zealand fabrics, French General, Kaffe Fassett, children's fabrics and much more. For knitters, we have wool including New Zealand possum/merino wool and alpaca wool, a range of knitting patterns and kits, and we also have hand-knitted garments for sale. Other crafts are covered with New Zealand cross-stitch bookmarks and stitcheries, wool felting supplies and silk fibre, haberdashery including rulers, cutters, buttons, trims, Clover products, threads including WonderFil, Signature, Gutermann and Mettler, novelty buttons, magazines, books,

kids' crafty kits, quilt patterns and much more. We have a long-arm machine-quilting service available and we also run regular workshops, including children's learn-to-sew classes.

Staff picks: One favourite product is our own *A Taste of New Zealand* quilt, available as a kit for NZD\$72.50 plus p&h, or made up for NZD\$195 plus p&h.



7. Cushla's Village Fabrics — Mapua

Address: 136 Aranui Road, Mapua, Nelson South Island

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You'll be welcomed by: Cushla, Lyn and the team, who look forward to meeting you at the Mapua store

What's great about Mapua: Mapua is a magical place just out of Nelson at the top of the South Island. It features a wonderful old wharf with shops and cafes and is part of the cycle trail. Rabbit Island is only a short ride across the water and the Nelson region is the gateway to Abel Tasman National Park. There is a huge variety of arts and crafts available around the region.

What you'll find in store: Our Mapua store is a stand-alone shop, easy to find as you enter Mapua on the main road and with great parking straight outside the door. We are Janome stockists and also carry a large variety of fabrics including indigos, orientals and Christmas fabrics. We also have a great selection of basics and general haberdashery, patchwork and quilting essentials such as battings, threads, books, kit sets (most of which are our own designs) and many block of the month programs. Like our Devonport store, we run a range of classes for all levels and have several international tutors visiting over the next 12 months.

What can readers expect to find in store? Fabrics such as Moda, Riley Blake, Kaffe Fassett, threads, sewing machines,



sewing machine service and repairs, longarm quilting and more.

Staff picks: We're selling kits for the *Homespun* magazine 2015 block of the month, *China Shop*. Instructions for each block and the construction of the quilt are published in *Homespun* magazine issues 16.2-16.11 [February-November, 2015].

8. Quilters Quarters — Rangiora

Address: The Warehouse Complex, 9 High Street, Rangiora South Island

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You'll be welcomed by: Pauline and her helpful staff

What's great about Rangiora: Only 30 minutes drive from Christchurch, Rangiora is a great little town with lots to offer. With lovely boutique stores up the high street and plenty of wonderful eateries to choose from, Rangiora is a town on the mend. There are a lot of new developments and plenty to see and do.

What you'll find in store: We have a great range of products for you to browse through on your visit. You'll find haberdashery, a fantastic selection of battings, patterns, threads galore and much more. We also have tonnes of fabrics from Moda, Riley Blake, Kaffe Fassett, Tula Pink, French General and more — a big variety for different tastes. We sell sewing machines and offer machine service and repairs. We also stock the extremely popular Handi Quilter Sweet Sixteen — ask us about its great features and discover why this is one of the best sit-down longarm machines on the market today.

Staff picks: We love the Miracle Markers by Miracle Chalk. Use this fantastic product to mark out designs on your work



that can easily be removed with a steam iron. We also love the Sewline Fabric Glue Pen for a quick, convenient and effective way to hold fabric for sewing — much easier than using pins!

9. The Pin Tin — Geraldine

Address: 9 Talbot Street, Geraldine South Island

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Website: www.thepintin.co.nz

You'll be welcomed by: Shop owner Lisa

What's great about Geraldine: Geraldine is a vibrant, friendly and picturesque little township with a population of approximately 2500. We have many boutique and specialty shops including the well-known Barkers Fruits and Preserves outlet store, a cheese shop, chocolate shops, beautiful gift stores, art galleries, restaurants, cafes and more. For those who prefer the outdoors there are a number of fun activities available including sky diving, rafting and caving to name a few. There are some great mountain biking and walking tracks.

What you'll find in store: A beautiful array of colours and designs will greet you as you walk in the door. I stock a wide range of patchwork and quilting fabrics from many different collections and I am often complimented on the range, which includes New Zealand fabrics (Kiwiana), novelty and licensed prints, florals, Japanese fabrics, batiks, blenders, homespuns, all the colours of the rainbow and Christmas fabrics, available all year round. I've also got your quilting supplies covered with plenty of patterns and books for quilting, patchworking, knitting and sewing. I carry a great range of wool and knitting supplies, embroidery supplies and a large range of haberdashery, along with plenty of kit sets. I



also stock Pfaff sewing machines.

Staff picks: New designs *Pau Muanga* (Mountain Range) and *Flight of Fancy* by New Zealand textile artist Jacqui Karl (pictured), as kits or patterns. Available exclusively in the South Island from The Pin Tin.