

## 1. Shepparton Sewing Centre — Shepparton

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**You'll be welcomed by:** Shelly and Steve Ryan

**What's great about Shepparton:** Shepparton is a vibrant regional centre with a strong dairy and agriculture industry. Local attractions include Kids Town, The Motor Museum, SPC canning factory and lots of bike paths.

**What you'll find in store:** Our store is 550 square metres of sewing heaven — the largest sewing and patchwork store in Victoria! Inside you'll find a vast array of sewing machines, from Bernina and Janome to Brother and Pfaff, and we also have a purpose-built sewing-machine workshop and a fantastic technician to service machines. The dedicated classroom is a very busy place, running our sewing club, quilt classes, machine-embroidery club, mystery quilt class, Hoop Sisters class and many more workshops throughout the year. We also feature special tutors like Melanie McNeice from Mellie & me and Caroline Sharkey, who we hosted this year. We stock over 3000 bolts of patchwork fabric from brands including RJR solids, the Jinny Beyer Palette complete range,

Michael Miller and much more, as well as a great selection of quilt backings, batting, threads, precuts and kits. We travel to the Quilt Market in Houston, Texas, every year to source new products and inspiration for the store. We also have a quilting service offering full quilting, basting of your quilt, or quilt-machine rental, where you can operate the machine and do your own quilting.

**Staff picks:** We are most excited about the new Bernina Q24 Long Arm Quilting System — we were so excited that we were the first in Australia to stock this machine! We also love Numbered Quilt Pins, The Strip Stick, Gridded Ironing Board Cover and Sew Straight Ruler.



## 2. Sew Bright Alpine Quilting – Bright

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**You'll be welcomed by:** Angela Bradbury

**What's great about Bright:** Located in the foothills of Victoria's alpine region, the picturesque, tourist-friendly town of Bright was the perfect place for me to open a quilting store. Spring time in Bright is particularly beautiful: the town is bursting with colour and new foliage during the Bright Spring Festival from October 17–November 3. You can visit open gardens, take cooking classes, historical tours, markets, and there is lots of shopping.

**What you'll find in store:** You'll find a beautiful range of patterns from popular Australian designers along with in-house designs, notions, templates, kits and gifts, as well as modern fabrics from designers including Tilda, Michael Miller, Moda, Benartex, Northcott, Riley Blake Designs, Hoffman Batiks and Timeless Treasures to name but a few.

**Staff picks:** As a certified Quiltworx shop, I stock most of Judy Niemeyer's highly efficient foundation paper-piecing patterns and teach the technique in a number of classes, which I hold in-store, along with a range of other classes in dressmaking, beginner patchwork, art quilting and free-motion doodling. I also host stitching days with visiting tutors.



## 3. Sonia Melville Craftbasket – Orbost

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**You'll be welcomed by:** Owner Sonia Melville

**What's great about Orbost:** Orbost is in the East Gippsland region, roughly half way between Melbourne and Canberra. Orbost is situated on the banks of the iconic Snowy River and a 15-minute drive to the magic Ninety Mile Beach.

**What you'll find in store:** I am now celebrating 21 years as a shop owner and have been encouraging people to sew for all of those years. When you visit, you'll find a wide variety of fabrics, including many full ranges, so you can be confident of coordinating your fabric choices. I also have a large range of haberdashery, patchwork and quilting supplies. Browse through the fabric packs, as well as my extensive range of fat quarters on display, not to mention the patterns and kits produced by myself. A machine-quilting service is available and I have samples on display in the shop. Enquiries are welcome. I really enjoy encouraging others to sew and I'm always happy to help out with anything you need.

**Staff picks:** I just love coming to work. The variety of the colours that I experience when I walk through the door is so stimulating! I know you'll love my colourful range too.



## 4. A Little Patch of Country - Trafalgar

**Address:** 63 Princes Highway, Trafalgar Vic 3824

**Phone:** (03) 5633 2311

**Email:** sales@littlepatch.com.au

**Website:** www.littlepatch.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Jennifer Beer and friendly staff

**What's great about Trafalgar:** Trafalgar is situated in the beautiful Latrobe Valley and is only about an hour's drive from the Baw Baw Mountain Ski Resort or the beautiful coastal beaches.

**What you'll find in store:** Be welcomed by our wonderful range of fabrics, including many bright and beautiful florals, Asian-style fabrics, the complete range of Fossil Fern fabrics, and a great variety of novelty prints and panels. We also have a great range of blenders and tone-on-tone fabrics, including homespun, to complement the fabric of your choice. If you need help with your quilting, we do offer a long-arm quilting service in store and also take in machine repairs. You'll also find a large range of threads for sewing, embroidery and quilting, as well as battings and wide backings.

**Staff picks:** Everyone loves our Strata Tote Bag (pictured) kit and pattern, and so do we!



## 5. Patchwork Maze — Glen Alvie

**Address:** 470 Glen Alvie Road, Glen Alvie Vic 3979

**Phone:** (03) 5674 9292

**Email:** ptchmaze@bigpond.com

**Website:** www.patchworkmaze.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Jeanette Clark

**What's great about Glen Alvie:** Patchwork Maze is now located on our dairy farm, an easy 14km drive north of Wonthaggi, surrounded by lush farmlands. The shop is set in a beautiful rose garden featuring over 600 roses, camellias, rhododendrons and lots of colourful annuals. We have panoramic views of the spectacular Bass Strait, and nearby farmlands can be seen from the garden.

**What you'll find in store:** Not only is my shop surrounded by beautiful gardens, but inside there is a fantastic range of products for all of your quilting needs. I have Husqvarna Viking, Singer, HandiQuilter and Babylock sewing and quilting machines, along with 6D Embroidery software and Marti Michell products. You'll find a large range of patchwork fabrics to suit all tastes, as well as a good range of floral fabrics suitable for colourwash quilts — which is one of my specialties! I also operate a professional long-arm quilting service and I host classes on Wednesday to Saturday in patchwork, quilting, machine embroidery and 6D Embroidery software. Each year, a quilt hanging is held in the garden in early January, showcasing quilts made by myself and

customers. My Devonshire Tea in the garden is always enjoyed by visitors to the quilt hanging.

**Staff picks:** The newest product to Patchwork Maze is Accuquilt Go! cutters and dies. They are the most accurate and fastest cutting system available to the patchworker and we all know that "better cuts make better quilts"!



## 6. Craft Quarters — Koo Wee Rup

**Address:** 140-146 Station Street, Koo Wee Rup Vic 3981

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**Email:** sales@craftquarters.com.au

**Website:** www.craftquarters.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Estelle and team Jill and Lexi

**What's great about Koo Wee Rup:** We are nestled in the heart of asparagus country en route to Philip Island from Melbourne. We have finally received a bypass so you can drive and park in town safely and easily.

**What you'll find in store:** Our store is packed with all sorts of goodies. You'll find a huge range of fabrics, including children's, elegant florals, plenty of Christmas fabrics, and the best range of batiks in Australia. We are a certified Judy Niemeyer shop and also stock Janome, Elna and Horn. You are always welcome in our warm and friendly shop and we are more than happy to help you.

**Staff picks:** We stock the wonderful Press and Seal, which is great to use for your quilting.



## 7. Sewing Connection — Pakenham

**Address:** 115 Main Street (Australia Post Arcade), Pakenham Vic 3810

**Phone:** (03) 5941 2244

**Email:** sewcon@bigpond.com

**Website:** www.sewingconnection.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Sue Rasmussen and Sandy Dodd

**What's great about Pakenham:** Pakenham and the surrounding areas are at the edge of the fastest-developing growth corridor in Melbourne's south east. We have the best of the city and the country together! Pakenham is home to the Cardinian Embroideries and Robert Gordon Pottery factory outlet.

**What you'll find in store:** We stock Bernina and Brother sewing machines, and pride ourselves in lessons and quality information when you purchase a machine from us. You'll find a large range of fabrics including Stoff, Robert Kaufman, Riley Blake, Michael Miller, Kaffe Fassett and an extensive collection of batiks. We have loads of patterns, including Hugs n Kisses, Happy Hollow, Whims, Leesa Chandler, Pink Sands, Sue Daley and many others. Templates, rulers, cutters and all the normal tools you need for sewing and quilting are also available, so you can pick up any essentials when you visit.

**Staff picks:** One of our favourite notions is Mary Ellen's Best Press for stabilising your fabrics when patchworking and embroidering.



## 8. Sewing 'N' Beyond — Rosebud

**Address:** Shop 1b Rosebud Parade, Rosebud Vic 3939

**Phone:** (03) 5981 2020

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**Email:** sewingnbeyond@hotmail.net.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Julianne and her team of talented and creative ladies

**What's great about Rosebud:** The pretty bay-side town of Rosebud is situated on the Mornington Peninsula, and an easy hour's drive from Melbourne.

**What you'll find in store:** When you visit, you'll find so much on offer in our wonderful store and we are more than happy to help you with any advice you may need. You'll love our fabulous fabrics, with ranges from Kokka, Liberty, Tilda, and we also have Tilda accessories. We have patterns from McCall's, Simplicity and Burda, knitting yarns, patterns and needles, and we also have many patchwork notions, including batting and backing fabrics, and we offer a quilting service. For your general haberdashery needs there are buttons, ribbons, glues, dyes and fabric paints. If you want to learn a new craft or expand your skills, we hold weekly and monthly classes in machine embroidery, doll making, patchwork and quilting. We also stock Brother and Elna sewing machines, and offer full servicing of all makes and models. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what's going on in store.



**Staff picks:** We recommend our Littles stitchery designs. The latest is the Tilda charm pack lap quilt (pictured). The pattern is \$15 and includes p&h. We're also happy to make kits — just phone or email us for full details.

## 9. Patch N Quilt — Gisborne

**Address:** Shop 4, Nexus Centre, 14 Prince Street, Gisborne Vic 3437

**Phone:** (03) 5420 7333

**Email:** info@patchnquilt.com.au

**Website:** www.patchnquilt.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Mary Kelly is the owner of the store and is assisted by Carmel and Janine

**What's great about Gisborne:** The gateway to the beautiful Macedon Ranges, Gisborne has wineries, gardens and goldfield history to explore.

**What you'll find in store:** In our new, bigger premises, we have been able to increase our stock, which has been a lot of fun. While we don't have a particular style with our fabric selection, more than anything it is just a combination of all of the fabrics that Mary loves. You'll find lots of brights, reproductions, pretty florals, tone on tones, retro prints and much more. Apart from patterns, books, embroidery threads, and haberdashery items such as zips, interfacings and cottons, we stock wool felt, blanketing, varieties of batting and widebacks. We have wool ranges from Zauberball, Patons and Sirdar, and more varieties will be available soon. Sewing-machine repairs are also available with a quick turnaround. We're lucky to be in such a wonderful shop with a beautiful new big separate classroom. Classes are offered for a wide variety

of techniques, by several regular teachers, Janine, Carol and Marina. We also have some renowned tutors that teach in store — just visit the website for our updated class list.

**Staff picks:** Jan Kerton of Windflower Embroidery is a regular tutor at Patch N Quilt. Jan's happy disposition and extensive knowledge of all things embroidery mean her classes book out very quickly. Irene Blanck of Focus on Quilts has recently

had a book published, so once again we are pleased to have Irene continue teaching here at the shop.



## 10. Pick Up Stitches — Kyneton

**Address:** 30 Piper Street, Kyneton Vic 3444

**Phone:** (03) 5422 6614

**Email:** pickupstitches@bigpond.com

**You'll be welcomed by:** Sharon Boxshall

**What's great about Kyneton:** There are some beautiful old buildings in town and you'll also find some terrific food.

**What you'll find in store:** I absolutely love all things knitting and patchwork and after moving to larger premises, I'm lucky to have three rooms filled with wonderful fabrics. I like to think of my store as the craft equivalent of a lolly shop, where you're sure to be filled with that sense of excitement when you find your dream fabric. Not only do I have a wonderful range of fabrics, but I also have a fantastic selection of wool products including Noro, Heirloom, Sirdar Sublime and specialty sock yarns. I have an extensive selection of patterns and books on patchwork, quilting, felting, knitting, crochet and sewing, so whatever project you want to start on, inspiration is always at hand. Stitch and Sew days and evenings are held throughout the year and are always popular, so why not join in the fun?

**Staff picks:** The AFL Beanie and Scarf Easy Knit Kits with AFL and team logos to sew on. Machine washable, 12ply.



## 11. The Village Patch — Maldon

**Address:** 49 High Street, Maldon Vic 3463

**Phone:** (03) 5475 2391

**Email:** enquiries@villagepatch.com.au

**Website:** www.villagepatch.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Lee and Nicole are the "mad" quilters behind the counter — a mother/daughter tag team! Between the two of us, we make all of the quilt samples in store and can offer advice if required.

**What's great about Maldon:** Our pretty village streetscape is like stepping back in time to the 1800s, with many historic buildings and interesting gold-mining sites scattered around the town. Galleries, antiques, cafes and specialty shops are everywhere, so you are sure to be tempted.

**What you'll find in store:** We carry an extensive collection of fabrics, widebacks, books, threads, patterns and kits with over 3000 quilting fabrics in stock at \$17 and under per metre. A quilting service is available in the store to finish all those quilt tops and we have Thursday-night workshops where there's usually more chat and laughter than stitching going on. We're open every day, except Tuesdays, from 10am–5pm. Bus groups are more than welcome, and we offer a generous group discount of 20 per cent for groups who book prior to visit.

**Staff picks:** For new mothers and grandmas, we have a large range of cot panels and bright, cheery children's prints and some great patterns and kits for soft toys by Quilting Gems, Rivendale Collection and Simply Country Gifts.



## 12. Millrose Quilting & Gallery — Ballan

**Address:** 92 Inglis Street, Ballan Vic 3342

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**You'll be welcomed by:** Sue Bartleman

**What's great about Ballan:** Ballan is in the heart of the Victorian goldfields, with plenty of Australian history in and around the area.

**What you'll find in store:** Not only are we a wonderful quilt shop, we also have a wonderful cafe, and with our gorgeous food, great coffee, lovely staff, stunning garden and roaring open fires, a visit to Millrose Quilting & Gallery is a treat like no other. We purchased the neighbouring old Masonic Hall next door in 2011 and moved the quilt shop there, so we have a lovely open space with plenty of room for all the fabrics and wools, and the Grand Hall is where we hold our classes. Our wide range of fabrics includes Liberty of London, Kaffe Fassett, William Morris and a large selection of reproduction fabrics. With our selection of beautiful hand-dyed

Cottage Garden Threads, ricrac and wool ribbons, not to mention our range of books and patterns, we are sure to fulfil your quilting needs. Classes are lots of fun and are always inspiring and accompanied by some delicious food. They range from beginners to advanced, in all sorts of techniques and styles. We also have a fantastic group of guest tutors sharing their knowledge and expertise.

**Staff picks:** You'll want to spend plenty of time in the store, so if you're feeling peckish, our cafe is perfect for relaxing, sitting back with a coffee and a delicious breakfast or lunch. Check out our website for a look at the menu.



## 13. Eureka Patchwork — Ballarat

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**Website:** www.eurekapatchwork.com.au

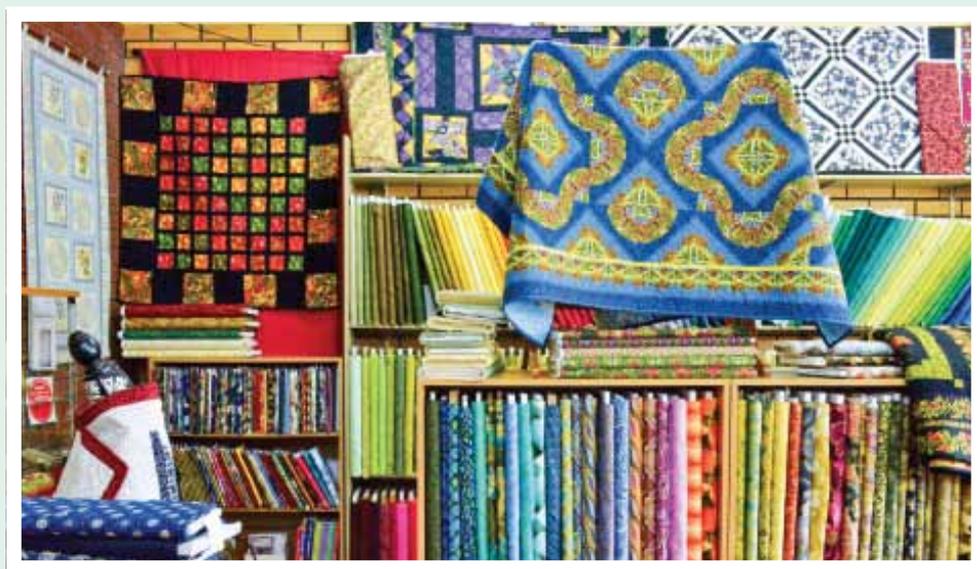
**You'll be welcomed by:** Elisabeth Rundle and staff

**What's great about Ballarat:** An historic gold city, Ballarat

features many Victorian-era buildings. Home to Lake Wendouree, Sovereign Hill, Kryal Castle, Ballarat Art Gallery, Ballarat Wildlife Park, plus a strong food, wine and craft scene, it's perfect for a long visit.

**What you'll find in store:** First off, when you step in store you'll be blown away by our amazing collection of 5000 bolts of fabric — that's a lot of choice! In fact, we have one of the largest selections of fabric in western Victoria, including blenders and oriental fabrics. Visit us and be helped by friendly, knowledgeable staff; we're open six days a week, Monday to Saturday, from 10am to 5pm. We now offer sit and sew days and classes, and we also have a large selection of books, and three- and five-yard kits.

**Staff picks:** The latest Japanese Lady and Crane kits are now ready for your next project.



## 14. Stitch-It Quilts 'n' Craft/Cobden Sewing Machines — Cobden

**Address:** 11 Curdie Street, Cobden Vic 3266

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(Cobden Sewing) cobdensewing@bigpond.com

**Website:** www.cobdenstitchitquilts.com.au,  
www.cobdensewingmachines.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Vicki at Stitch-It Quilts and Helen at Cobden Sewing Machines

**What's great about Cobden:** Cobden is a small, caring community, located only 40 minutes from the Twelve Apostles Coastal Park. Attractions include a picturesque lake and playground, miniature railway, dairy park, south-western district restoration group collectables and go kart track.

**What you'll find in store:** We're a two-in-one store, with all of your craft essentials in Stitch-It Quilts, while Cobden Sewing Machines stocks a great range of sewing and quilting machines. The Stitch-It Quilts section has a vast fabric range and plenty of embroidery threads, along with patterns and sewing supplies, not to mention a long-arm quilting service for finishing your quilts. Step into Cobden Sewing Machines for a range of Pfaff and Singer sewing machines and overlockers, the HandiQuilter Sweet Sixteen, along with Horn tables and height-adjustable chairs.

**Staff picks:** Vicki's choice is the *Fire Island Hosta* and *Amazon Star Quilts* from Judy Neimeyer. Both of these are available as



kits, along with other foundation-pieced patterns in store.

Helen just loves the HandiQuilter Sweet Sixteen Sit-Down

Quilting Machine, and she knows you will love it too. Or you can test drive the Pfaff Expression 4.2.

## 15. Gum Valley Patchwork — Cooriemungle

**Address:** 486 Princetown Road, Cooriemungle Vic 3268

**Phone:** 0427 943 201

**Email:** sales@gumvalleypatchwork.com.au

**Website:** www.gumvalleypatchwork.com.au,  
www.gumvalleypatchwork.typepad.com

**You'll be welcomed by:** Linda White

**What's great about Cooriemungle:** Gum Valley Patchwork is situated in the rural area, 4km south of the small township of Simpson and just 24km inland from the world-famous Great Ocean Road and the Twelve Apostles. It's a beautiful area, close to the attractions of Apostle Whey Cheese, Gorge Chocolates and Newtons Ridge Winery. Treat yourself to fabric, chocolate, wine and cheese when you visit — perfect!

**What you'll find in store:** I have an eclectic range of fabrics, including classics, brights, flannels and reproductions, and I also have a full range of Cosmo stranded threads. For your general needs, you'll find sewing notions, bag handles, purse frames, kits, patterns, papers for paper piecing, books and more. Gum Valley Patchwork is also the home of the *Dear Prudence* and *Elenor Jean* hexagon quilts, with patterns available for both of these award-winning quilts. The store is open Thursday to Sunday, 11am–4pm. Other days



by appointment only. Groups are welcome to visit.

**Staff picks:** A favourite has been the tape measure bangles — great gifts to give to stitching friends or to treat yourself. They come in two widths —  $\frac{1}{2}$ in and  $\frac{3}{4}$ in — and are available in a variety of colours.



## 16. Elm Grove Patchwork — Nullawarre

**Address:** 2211 Timboon-Nullawarre Road, Nullawarre Vic 3268

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**Website:** www.elmgrovepatchwork.com.au

**Blog:** www.elmgrovepatchwork.typepad.com

**You'll be welcomed by:** Lenora Jenkins. I open the store Wed–Fri 11am–4pm and Sat 1pm–4pm or by prior appointment.

**What's great about Nullawarre:** Depending which way you are travelling, Nullawarre is the first/last town on the iconic Great Ocean Road in Victoria, so it's the perfect place for a stop on a road trip.

**What you'll find in store:** I have a great love of appliqué and traditional quilting, and my store features a strong presence of reproduction fabric. You will find ranges designed by Judie Rothermel, Paula Barnes, Barbara Brackman and Mary Koval, along with a selection of adorable 1930s prints. I now also stock beautiful Liberty Tana Lawn fabrics and I encourage you to try them in your projects. I stock a wide selection of traditional quilt patterns and books, Aurifil thread, felted woollen fabric, English paper-piecing papers and notions, especially those needed for appliqué and small piecing. I hold classes and you might be able to coordinate your visit with one of my visiting tutors, such as Di Ford Hall or Michelle Yeo.



**Staff picks:** Some of the most popular products are the precut bundles. Not only do I cut fat eighth bundles of each range as it arrives, I also make colour cubes — little boxes containing 10 different fabrics in the same colourway. I know that reproduction quilts require small pieces of lots of fabrics, so I like to make it easy with my precut bundles and loose-cut fabric. These bundles also make excellent gifts.

## 17. Joy's Craftworx — Portland

**Address:** 46 Percy Street, Portland Vic 3305

**Phone:** (03) 5523 7190

**Website:** www.joyscraftworx.com.au

**You'll be welcomed by:** Joy, Lyn and Sharrone

**What's great about Portland:** We are in the main street of the lovely seaside town of Portland, where you can have a coffee overlooking the harbour and watch the ships coming and going. Depending on the season, you may also see some whales. We have great fishing, especially for giant tuna and albacore. There are lovely beaches, rugged coastlines, lakes, forests and rivers, and Portland is also famous for the Great South West Walk.

**What you'll find in store:** We have an eclectic variety of fabrics and stock Moda, RJR, Robert Kaufman, batiks, Benartex (including the whole range of Fossil Fern), Ella Blue fabrics (which support Australian designers), M&S Textiles, and we stock a large range of Australiana fabrics and novelty prints including horses, cows, children's and fabric-book panels. You'll find plenty of inspiration from our quilt patterns, and we also stock quilting accessories including specialty rulers such as the Squedge. For your stitching needs, we have cross-stitch kits and tapestries, Cottage Garden threads, DMC

stranded threads and tapestry wool, and Cascade crewel wool. We have novelty buttons, knitting wool and yarns from Sirdar, Naturally, Heirloom, Cleckheaton, Patons and Shepherd, plus patterns and accessories. On Mondays and Thursdays, we have Hazel and Jenny, who do sewing-machine demos for Pfaff, Janome and Husqvarna. Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with what's happening in store.

**Staff picks:** A couple of our favourite things in store are the Seam Fix — a quick unpicker with a difference — and also the Squedge rulers, which we have so much fun with! We also love Emma Jean Jansen's fabric range, *The Linen Cupboard*, available for \$16 per metre plus postage.

