

Fortunes and Fairies

Richmond

Leanne has been in business for almost a decade and although the shop was originally a gift store with only general craft supplies, Leanne has gradually added fabrics and more to the stock list.

With 180 square metres of space in the shop, you will want to spend hours among the beautiful assortment of fabrics, giftware, wool, haberdashery and more. There are over 4000 bolts of fabric so there is a variety for every style of project. At Fortunes and Fairies you will find Civil War, William Morris, Moda, Yuwa, Lecien and Quilt Gate, as well as oriental and quirky novelty designs, and a large range of cotton and flannel backings.



“We also stock Husqvarna and Brother sewing machines, including QBOT, the automated quilter,” says Leanne. “We have experienced staff offering lessons and service for all customers who purchase our machines.”

Whether you want to learn machine embroidery, patchwork or even quilt-as-you-go in a group, there are classes to suit everyone. Contact the store for a list of times.

Local knowledge:

The Richmond community centres around Richmond Park and with its village atmosphere and heritage buildings, you will feel like you have stepped back in time. Many early settlers were buried in St Peters Cemetery, which dates back to 1811.

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Down Patchwork Lane

Penrith

The delightful Down Patchwork Lane in Penrith is owned by mother-and-daughter team, Gail and Tamara. Before the pair acquired the shop, Gail used to attend classes there, and they have now been looking after the patchwork needs of the local area for almost six years.

With wonderful customer service that will have you feeling right at home, the shop is best known for a brilliant



range of unique patterns and hand-dyed fabrics. You are immediately greeted with a friendly smile as you step inside, and you will soon find your imagination captured by the many interesting things to look at, all to the soundtrack of happy laughter spilling from the airy, well-lit classroom. Along



Playing With Angels BOM designed by Kookaburra Cottage is available for \$25 per month for 10 months, plus p&h.

with Gail and Tamara, several teachers visit the store including the previous owners, Anne and Kerrie. Classes are held every day, as well as once-a-month specialty classes and workshops.

Down Patchwork Lane stocks a variety of different fabrics from Kaffe Fassett to Civil War to Thimbleberries; lots of variety sure to appeal to a wide range of crafters. “Both of us have totally different tastes and styles so you get a good, varied combination,” Tamara says.

Local knowledge:

Down Patchwork Lane raises money for the Penrith Soup Kitchen by selling chocolates and also has a food drive every year for their Christmas Day celebrations.

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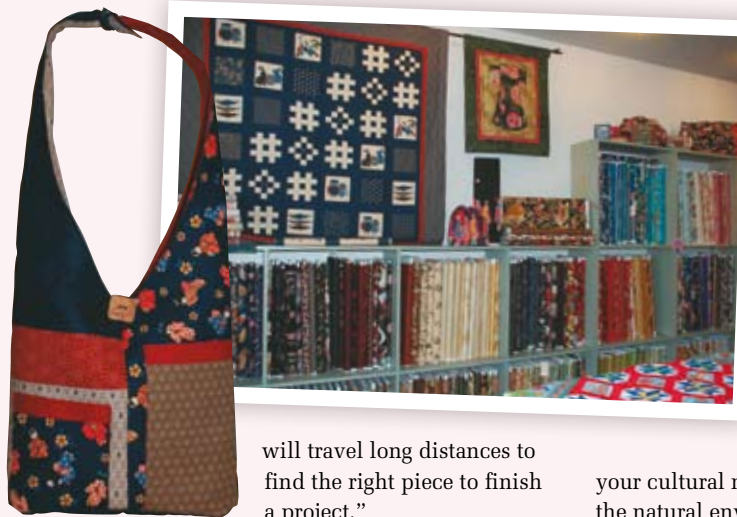
Website: www.downpatchworklane.com

The Patchwork Heart

Penrith

Many of the projects seen in the pages of *Quilters Companion* and *Homespun* can be found at The Patchwork Heart, which comes as no surprise given that owner Michelle Marvig and her staff, Katrina Hadjimichael and Kim Harris, are all published quilters.

The Patchwork Heart has great variety in terms of fabric choice with a range including some of the top names in fabric: Marcus Fabrics, Windham, Lecien, Yuwa, Kona Bay and many more. There is definitely fabric for everyone's palette. "Some people only work in reproduction fabrics and they always find something to work for their quilts," says Michelle. "Other people love our wall of Japanese fabrics and



will travel long distances to find the right piece to finish a project."

In 2009 Michelle released her first fabric line, *Suzani* for Charles Parsons & Co, and in December 2010 her second range, *Michelle's Backyard*, was released. Based on Australian favourites such as banksias, gum leaves, wattle blossom and scribbly gum, the range is

presented in useable earthy pinks, rusts, greens, golds, blacks and creams. You can find this range at The Patchwork Heart, as well as in your local patchwork store.

Local knowledge: The Penrith Valley is a prime location for a variety of adventure and sports activities, while also offering opportunities to flex your cultural mind and reconnect with the natural environment.

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Post Office Patchwork

Glenbrook

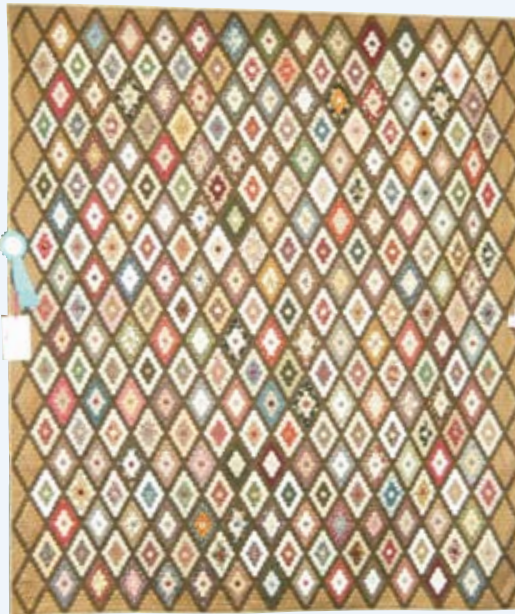
Quilters will delight at the extensive selection of fabric available at Post Office Patchwork.

Rhonda has been in business for 12 years and continues to deliver quality and popular products. The years of experience mean that you will always receive friendly assistance and great advice for any project or query you have.

Take your time to sift through the large selection of Moda fabrics that will be perfect for your next quilt or for the more traditional style, the store specialises in reproduction fabrics. There are fabrics to suit all styles of patchwork.

Post Office Patchwork is a great place to take a class or two, with classes catering for everyone from beginners to

advanced. "We have some great teachers in-store including Karen Cunningham, Val Moore and Margaret Cormack," says



Rhonda, who also teaches many classes herself. "I specialise in Baltimore quilts using needleturn appliqué."

At the Quilters' Guild of NSW Quilt Show, Rhonda received a Judge's Commendation and second prize in the Viewers' Choice for her stunning quilt (pictured), which was made with 11,400 half-inch hexagons in Civil War reproduction fabrics.

Local knowledge:

Glenbrook is at the entrance to the Blue Mountains National Park and as such is a popular tourist destination. As the name of Rhonda's store suggests, it is situated in the old Glenbrook post office building.

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Picklemouse Corner

Leura

In the beautiful Blue Mountains township of Leura is the equally beautiful Picklemouse Corner. Owned by Pamela Davis, this charming shop specialises in patchwork and quilting supplies, as well as homemade crafts and gifts. Pam has her own unique range of patterns and kits, stamped with that much-loved country touch, and the shop has become famous for her delicious homemade fudge.

The shop is conveniently located in a cottage behind picturesque Leura Mall. It is open seven days a week, making it perfect for weekend exploring! Be sure to leave enough time to take in everything though, because Picklemouse Corner is chock-full with stitching goodies!

A wide selection of fabrics from leading designers and fabric houses is on offer. All fabric is 100% cotton, with particular focus on feature fabrics. Australian and Oriental are both well represented. The mountain climate



is perfect for her wonderful selection of flannels. A collection of Kaffe Fassett fabrics and books is her latest acquisition. An extensive range of kits and patterns are available, from bags and quilts to cushions and dolls.

Picklemouse Corner has a presence at many of the major Craft and Quilt Fairs and Craft Expos around Australia. Various classes are also on offer at the store throughout the year – just give Pam a call to find out what's happening when you plan to visit.

**Local knowledge:**

Leura is one of the most beautiful and historic shopping areas in the Blue Mountains with many quality shops, cafés and restaurants.

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The Stitching Post

Katoomba

For a wide variety of unique products, as well as a stunning selection of both local and international patterns, look no further than this charming shop. "I have always loved finding ways to be creative. My dream was always to combine my creative interests with my career," says owner of The Stitching Post, Karen. Luckily for her, moving from the radio industry to an online needlework store and then to a craft store in the Blue Mountains has proved very successful.

"We are now stocking wool felt and felted wool, and our range of giftwares is always growing," Karen says. "We will also be stocking a range of beautiful teas this year."

The first thing you notice when entering this roomy shop is the beautiful displays of samples, fabrics, patterns, giftware and Bernina machines. The Stitching Post also stocks a huge range



*Baltimore Christmas BOM by Pearl Piera.
Runs for 13 months, at \$38 per month,
plus p&h, and includes fabrics, embroidery
cottons, buttons and ricrac for the quilt top
and binding.*

of embroidery supplies, including one of the biggest ranges of embroidery thread in the country!

The shop is located in a charming cottage on the main tourist road and has eight rooms dedicated to different themes, including a year round Christmas room.

The Stitching Post is participating in the Western Quilt Trail, and will be running a shop hop in July 2011. For more information, visit www.quilttrail.com.au

Local knowledge:

Located in the heart of the heritage-listed Blue Mountains, Katoomba is but a heartbeat away from exciting bush-walking tracks, lookouts and the world-famous Three Sisters.

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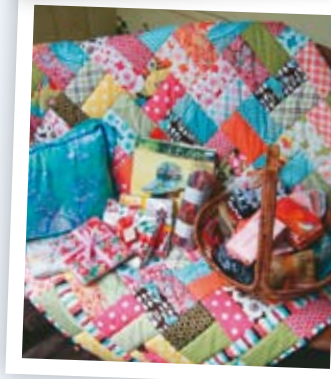
Ribbons and Rainbows

Blackheath

Turning her hobby into a passionate career, Dianne has been supplying the upper Blue Mountains with a well-stocked craft store for more than 24 years. Ribbons and Rainbows is a not-to-be-missed craft sanctuary and is currently managed by the lovely Nerida.

The shop stocks an enormous range of patchwork fabrics in all the latest trends including romantic florals, Japanese and Oriental prints, novelty and reproduction fabrics as well as a large array of bright fabrics. You could spend hours browsing through the variety of fabrics including designs from Moda, Kaffe Fassett and Amy Butler.

Stepping into this charming shop, you can expect to receive a warm welcome and to be wowed by the vibrancy of the stock on display. It is a veritable rainbow selection of fabrics and quilts, not to mention craft products to suit all levels of expertise. At Ribbons and Rainbows,



you are sure to find all your embroidery and cross stitch requirements, as well as lace, ribbon, buttons, beading supplies and general notions.

A speciality is definitely patchwork kits with a wonderful variety of fast and simple projects on offer for everyone, from beginners to the more advanced patchworker, including cot quilts, children's quilts and bed quilts.

Local knowledge:

The scenic Blue Mountains has much to offer, so why not come up for the weekend, stay at one of the fabulous B&Bs and perhaps even attend one of the great workshops Ribbons and Rainbows has to offer?

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The Home Patch

Bathurst

Peter and Anni's store, The Home Patch, home of Anni Downs' design business Hatched and Patched, is a feast for the eyes. There are many displays to inspire, with samples to view and patterns and fabrics to match.

Anni's quilts and other items are on show and anything not on display can be viewed by request. "Anni loves handwork and the shop reflects this by what is on offer," says Peter. "Michelle

and Margaret work with Anni in the store and are very experienced and able to help with any request."

The Home Patch is known to supply those tricky hard-to-find items such as a large range of hand-dyed felted woven wools, rusty bells, hangers, unusual braids and buttons, berry garlands, good-quality felt and doll hair. Then there are also rug-hooking and punch needle supplies and patterns, papers for English

piecing, templates for American piecing, giftwares galore plus a few handmade pieces. Naturally, you will want to explore the store for a while, so perhaps you'd like to attend one of the weekday or weekend classes that are run in a variety of techniques and expertise levels.

Local knowledge:

An easy two-hour drive from Sydney, Bathurst is Australia's oldest inland city and The Home Patch is, in fact, found in an old inn built in the 1870s. Your hubby can drop you off at the store to shop while he takes a spin around the Mount Panorama racing track!

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Bathurst NSW 2795

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Bella Patchwork Design

Orange

Known for quality fabrics and excellent advice, Bella Patchwork Design is a one-stop shop for all your fabric needs. The shop is owned by Delma Watts who has over 10 years experience in patchwork and has been a dressmaker her whole life. Delma loves nothing more than to share her passion and excitement for fabric with others, and is always happy to help you make your patchworking projects the best they can be.

All fabrics stocked by Bella Patchwork Design are high quality, and bursting with colour and radiance. "Customers always remark that it's an Aladdin's cave of colour," Delma says. It truly is an explosion of bright inspiration as the shop carries an amazing selection of fabric ranges from leading patchwork designers, in particular Kaffe Fassett, including everything from upholstery and laminated fabrics to patchwork, Brandon Mabley and Phillip Jacobs.

There is also a great selection of Jinny Beyer, Martha Nagley, and Michelle Marvig fabrics available, amongst others.

With so many luminous options at your fingertips, you will be sure to find exactly what you need to make your next project extra special. Rest assured that the wonderful staff at Bella Patchwork Design will be there to support you all the way. If you find yourself in a pickle, simply give them a call or send a quick email! Thanks to such superb service, the patchwork process has never been easier or more enjoyable.

Local knowledge:

There is always plenty happening in Orange all year round, such as Frost Fest in August, which celebrates all the good things the area has to offer in winter, and Orange's F.O.O.D (Food of Orange District) week usually held in mid-April.



Bella Patchwork Design have a stunning selection of Kaffe Fassett fabric available.

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Patchwork Orange

Orange

Lucy Mogilin became the new owner of Patchwork Orange in November 2010, and she is very excited to bring quality products with quality service to customers. Lucy has been sewing from an early age, patchworking for 15 years, and has now combined her passions in the new shop.

Patchwork Orange is a Janome dealer and stocks a variety of machines, from the basic model to the semi-industrial embroidery machine. They offer free lessons with every machine sold, and a lay-by service is available.

The shop stocks a large range of patchwork fabrics, specialising in the Jinny Beyer Palette, Michelle Marvig's new range *Michelle's Backyard*, Dr Seuss range, Michele Hill's *Adelaide* range, Paula Nadelstern's *Nuance* range, and Sarah Fielke's *From Little Things*. Along with a variety of supply kits and books, a large selection of patterns are available, including Moon Shine by



Monica Poole, Flying Fish by Wendy Williams, the Piece o' Cake range and many others. Patchwork Orange also stocks machine-embroidery designs from Echidna Designs, Glenn Harris Designs, Zundt Designs, Loralie Designs and Hoop Sisters.

A variety of classes and workshops with visiting tutors are offered, and there

are several BOM clubs available; just contact the shop for more information.

Local knowledge:

Orange is the birthplace of Australia's most famous bush poet, Banjo Paterson.

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Hobbysew Orange

Orange

Fabrics, threads, ribbons and more await you at Hobbysew Orange, the longest-established patchwork business in Orange. The store is a very friendly place with a happy atmosphere that will have you returning again and again. "It becomes quite a meeting place at times," says Patricia, owner of Hobbysew Orange. "When friends and acquaintances pop in at the same time they always stick around for a catch up and a chat."

The great range of stock is sure to capture your imagination, and you will find it hard to leave with only what you came for. There are over 3000 bolts of gorgeous fabric in store, and Hobbysew Orange stocks a huge variety of laces, ribbons, buttons, haberdashery, braids, linings, threads and DMC products. If you are looking for a new sewing machine or overlocker there is no better place to shop, with Bernina, Brother and Pfaff machines on offer. A repair

service by an experienced factory-trained technician for all makes and models is also available.

Weekly classes and workshops in patchwork and dressmaking are always running, so if you are just visiting, or you live in the area, why not pop in and learn something new!

Local knowledge:

"The area is known for its cool climate wines, stone fruit and cherry orchards, and is acknowledged as the agriculture centre of NSW," Patricia says. "Orange can also boast having the largest gold mine in the southern hemisphere. The gold for the medals from the 2000 Olympics was mined in the area."



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