



## We Are On!

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all well and have been busy stitching while we get back on track with our website! We are once again all systems go, so now I can get back to sewing, designing and of course getting ready for the Australasian Quilt Convention and our own Australian Textile Exhibition.

So here are a few things to get us started this week!

### March Open Days

I can't believe it, but we are already up to our March Open Days, this Friday and Saturday 10 - 3.

Please feel free to pop in, we will be sewing and cutting up a storm between looking after you! We still have a wonderful selection of fabrics at \$8/m, loads of clearance threads, remnants and then a full wall of precious fabrics to tempt and inspire.

Sitting pretty in pride of place this week is also the First Prize for this year's Great Australian Bag Challenge!

### The Great Australian Bag Challenge

So here it is! One precious Bernina 215 looking very "spesh", it's one of a kind with a one off "Under the Australian Sun" skin and yes it could easily be yours! Find all you need to know about being part of the Challenge which is viewer's choice judged, by clicking [HERE](#). We also have some entry forms printed ready for you to pick up this weekend and I'll be happy to explain how easy the basic bag pattern is.

A bag challenge has quite a few advantages on a quilt challenge. For one, they can be whipped up a lot quicker with an appealing theme that could easily get you the votes, and second, after the competition you can take it shopping or on holidays!

The Challenge will be on display and voted for by everyone who visits our Australian Textile Exhibition.



## Australian Textile Exhibition

If you are planning on showing off a piece and haven't finished it yet, that's fine, still send in your form now, as it just helps us start to get ready and decide where to hang your quilt, or display your bag, tablerunner, cushion, etc. You've still got ages and if you see a friend with something Aussie, please give them a nudge for me!

It runs 8th - 13th May, and I'll have some flyers available this weekend and at AQC if you want to pick one up or you can download from [HERE](#).

It's our exhibitors that make the show special, and that means you!

## Australasian Quilt Convention

So our plans for fitting the universe into a phone box Dr Who style are well under way, and Philip and I will be laying it all out to the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " after our Open Days this weekend! I'm also thinking I'd better not eat any chocolate over Easter because I don't want to take up any extra space either!

We will be packing the stand full of beautiful fabric bundles, kits, threads, patterns and giftware. Please remember if you are after a big kit, please ring ahead and order so we take it in for you.

Where are we? So, as we have a little stand, please come find us before it gets busy! Don't bother with the floor plan, too much effort, head in the door, walk to the big dome, turn right, walk past Bernina and look for me and Emma!!

## Floral Abundance

This week we are FINALLY releasing our Floral Abundance pattern, sorry this has taken forever, for those who have been waiting....

Here's my whopping big new Queen Size Quilt! 80" x 80". This was designed to show off fabrics where you can get them on a light and dark background, but you can also easily use different colours for each border and centre octagon.

[Pattern](#) \$13, [Kit](#) \$195 including all top fabrics, pattern and binding. It's great fun to make, and I really hope you enjoy it!



## Bush Picnic

It's all Aussie this week I'm afraid! If you have picked up your latest copy of Quilter's Companion Magazine, you will find this new fresh coloured quilt as a project. We have the [Bush Picnic](#) Kits ready to go, they are \$160.

The May edition of Quilter's Companion will include a DVD with yours truly and Michelle Marvig playing with free style paper piecing, easy 3D landscape background and some of my signature 3D flowers, so I'm just saying, no laughing!



## The Meltdown

So once again, thanks to all our loyal customers for your patience and understanding with our website Meltdown, and honestly, once it was back up I did the delayed Meltdown! So if you are defendant on shopping with us on line, then it's only fair you get some \$8/m fabric too! Just type the word "Meltdown" into the search window on the website, there's a few little treasures remaining for you to enjoy!

Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing some of you this week, please park on the street and walk in, we are in the front warehouse, cleaned the windows today, looking pretty spiffy!

Warm Wishes and Happy Sewing, Leesa