

# Concepts ...

## Student News and Notes - Summer '16/'17



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Hi Fellow Fabric-A-Holics and Textile Teachers,

As this epistle goes to press, Christmas is rapidly approaching, and thoughts turn to family and friends, getting together, giving gifts, and then ... mountains of wrapping paper going into rubbish bins or recycling facilities. If you are reading this, you will know about our ideas and techniques in fabric designing. Soooo ...



**BAGS** – heliography technique –  
by Hannah and Kate at Inverell

How about using your fabric designing skills to CREATE your own gift wrappings !?! Whip us some hand-coloured fabrics to use instead of paper. Colour some calico bags – an on-going wrapping that's not only unique, but useful as well. Colour some ribbons to replace the tinsel that clutters up rubbish bins and landfill (or worse still, the oceans) at this time of year. Instead of being dumped in the bin, your wrappings will become an extension of your gift, either for reuse by the recipient later on, or ready to be used in a sewing project as a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness. As a "Summer" newsletter, this will be read by many of you after Christmas. So you have a head start on preparing your wrappings for next year! And think of all the gift-giving times during the year too. Hand designed fabrics ... unique, individual, and an

on-going pleasure, both for your to create, and for your friends and family to enjoy.

### Looking Back ... 2016 in a Nutshell ...

Wow, what a year it has been !!! Besides workshop programs in my home Studio, my car has taken me for lots more teaching programs to Coffs Harbour and Sydney; to Cairns, Charters Towers and Townsville; to Tamworth and Inverell; and to a bunch of places close to home for local events. It has been a pleasure to meet many of you for the first time in these far flung places. It has also been a real joy to participate in the Jumpers and Jazz Festival in Warwick again in July, assisting with fund raising for patients undergoing treatment for cancer; and to present three days of pop-up workshops at St Stephens Uniting Church during Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers, helping the ladies there with their fund-raising too. Yes I'll be back at both these events in 2017!

### Looking Ahead to 2017 ... It's a Very BIG Nutshell already!!! ...

2017 kicks off with a road trip to Victoria for Home Economics National Conference in January. What a wonderful opportunity to show the fun of our goodies to around 200 teachers from all over Australia, and usually a few from overseas as well. I'm delighted to be presenting a hands-on workshop for 25 delegates during one of the conference sessions. I'll then stay on in Melbourne for a weekend of workshops, then travel to Bendigo for more of the same. [See next page.]

Our Genesis Creations™ teacher training programs are happening in Bendigo in January while I'm 'in town'; then more in Toowoomba in February and March. These events are where we release new techniques ready to share with you ... and boy, have we already worked on some beauties for EVERYONE to enjoy as soon as you can catch up with me or one of our teaching team. More teacher training in Townsville in May to share the fun of what's happened at the other events then that's the formal training complete for the year.

Craft and Quilting Shows are again on my program: Toowoomba Craft Alive in February, then their new show in Rockhampton in March. And here's a BIG announcement ... watch for another brand new show at the RNA showground in Brisbane in September ... "World of Craft", a combination of all sorts of crafts including the Mad Quilters' area where of course you'll find me. Make that event an A1 priority listing in your year planner now!

My workshops planned for 2017 take me again to far flung places, as well as in my home Studio and nearby. Details of programs in the near future are on the next page. There'll be Fabulous Fabrics workshops, both Basic and Advanced (including our brand new topics) in Melbourne and Bendigo in January, at my Studio in February, and I'm delighted to let you know I'll be back in Perth in March. More workshops planned for Gladstone and Rockhampton, as well as Toowoomba in

**LOTS to LOOK AT ...**

**LOTS TO LEARN ...**



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April, then off to Townsville, Charters Towers, and Ingham again in May. It's shaping up to be a fun year! Make sure you join in the creativity when I'm in YOUR area !!!

## WHERE to FIND US ... Craft Events on the Drawing Board for 2017 ...

**Craft Alive – Toowoomba** – from Fri 10 till Sun 12 February, 9 am till 4 pm each day, at the Berghoffer Centre, USQ.

- **FREE SEMINAR:** 10 am each day. We'll explore a bunch of spray painting ideas in this 45 minute presentation.
- **MAKE 'n' TAKE WORKSHOPS** – also FREE! – at our stand. Three sessions per day – '**Fabulous Florals**' – Register with us (0418 771 808) to try some new skills or revisit old ones. Times: 11.30 am, 1 pm and 2.30 pm daily.

**Craft Alive – Rockhampton** – from Fri 17 till Sun 19 March, 9 am till 4 pm each day, at Robert Schwarten Pavilion, Rockhampton Showground, Wandal.

- **Workshops and Seminars as for Toowoomba above – same times, same topics.**

**Home Economics Queensland Conference – Brisbane** – date to be advised

**World of Craft – Brisbane** – from Fri 8 till Sun 10 September, 10 am till 4 pm daily, at the Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds. Incorporating all our favourite crafts under one huge roof, this event must not be missed !!! See us at stand 45/46, with free seminars and hands-on workshops each day. Details later in the year.

## WORKSHOP PROGRAMS ... TOOWOOMBA ... at my home Studio ...

**FEBRUARY**– Sat 18 and Sun 19 Feb, from 9.30 am till 4 pm each day – Fabulous Fabrics. This is my 'Rolls Royce' workshop, the BEST for learning lots in a hurry, and understanding how to individualise your own fabrics once the workshop is over.

**APRIL** – Sat 8 till Wed 12 Apr, from 9.30 am till 4 pm each day. A series of workshops on various topics, including a two-day silk program for those of you who have been asking for it for soooo long now! Details of what's happening and when will be available in February. Watch the website or contact me for more information.

**MELBOURNE: JANUARY** – Sat 14 and Sun 15 Jan – at my apartment Punthill Little Bourke, Cohen Place

**BENDIGO: JANUARY** – Friday 20 Jan – Fabulous Fabrics: Basics and Beyond, at 6 Illingworth St, Golden Square

**PERTH: MARCH** – Sun 26 till Wed 29 – Teachers' PD and Quilters' program – Governor Stirling Senior High School

**MARCH** - Tue 28 – 3.30 till 5.30 pm - Workshop with Teachers and Students at Iona Presentation College

**GLADSTONE and ROCKHAMPTON:** Sun 28 April till Fri 5 May – dates and venues to be advised

## HANDY HINTS ... to help you with the Clean-Up after Colouring Skills ...

1. **Cleaning Liquid Radiance Dispenser Bottles** – You'll find this task much easier if you rub an old toothbrush across a cake of soap (any soap!) before inserting it into the bottle to scrub any LR residue away from inside. Make sure you rinse out the soapy suds thoroughly after cleaning. Bottle can be filled immediately with diluted Liquid Radiance colour.
2. **Cleaning Painting Boards** - Liquid Radiance is by definition a paint, and any residue will form a skin on boards; and if you've covered your boards using black plastic (as I do), you will not be able to see this 'skin' build-up. Use a non-abrasive mesh scrubber dampened in water, with a little soap or detergent, and wipe over your boards regularly so they do not accumulate a film of colour – which could then come off on the back of future fabrics. Rinse the board with clean water after scrubbing. Dry with an old towel.



**Watermelon Socks** – Colours used are lime and red. You can paint in black seeds using our Flat paints if desired – unless you want one of those new seedless watermelons! What? No fun with seed-spitting comps !?!

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TALENT ... Two-Colour Colouring ... a variation on our One-Colour Colouring technique...



### METHOD for SOCKS:

Prepare your required colours in two containers and place them side by side. I recommend about 1 part LR concentrate to 15 or 20 parts water. Wet socks in water and wring out well (or dry in a towel if your hands are not as strong as they used to be.) Dip one end of the socks into one colour, and the other end into the other colour, leaving a gap so things don't get messy! Lay the socks on plastic and work the colours together with your hands to blend them. CAREFULLY place the socks over the poles / drink bottles !!! Some colour may get onto the second colour, but this can be blotted out with a towel and a little more of the 'correct'

colour dabbed in if necessary. Stand poles/bottles in an egg carton. Scrunch socks as desired. Allow to dry completely on the pole. Iron to heat set.

For a GARMENT: Colour as above and lay on a board, scrunch to form your desired pattern. Use another board and do the 'two board flip' three or four times during the drying period so front and back of the garment are similar in colour strength.



**There's more information about One-Colour Colouring for Socks in my Winter issue of this newsletter, Concepts – check it out if you missed it earlier. It's still a free download on my website Home Page.**

*And always remember I'm as close as my phone or emails to help you further with YOUR painting projects.*

**Here's to lots more creativity together ...**

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