

# Concepts ...

## Student News and Notes – Summer '18/'19



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"Aussie Bush" – water soluble designing on fabric – Anne 2018

Hi Fellow Teachers and Fabric Enthusiasts,

**2018, where did it go !?!** Ah, I know ... and the 22 ½ thousand extra kilometres on my car tell a wonderful story. From Townsville to Adelaide and Melbourne (and many places in between), the exciting reviews from those who attended our events assured me that I'm not the only one who thinks our products and skills are amazing! Thank you, textiles teachers who attended my Home Economics Regional PD workshops. Thank you also to all the quilters and patchworkers who discovered us at festivals in Adelaide and Port Macquarie. And thanks too, to the many of you who've enjoyed workshops in Albury, Eidsvold, Townsville, Melbourne, and various other places during the year, as well as in my Toowoomba Studio. Your enthusiasm and support are what makes our Genesis Creations™ tick.

**2019, what will it bring?** Ah I know that too! **Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** will take centre stage throughout the year. Please join in our free events in my Toowoomba Studio, and heavily discounted Celebration Workshops during my travels. There will of course be my 'normal' workshop programs at home and in far-flung places – and lots of them so I can catch up with as many of you as possible during the year.

**Check my website regularly for ...**

- Special paint releases – new colours for a limited time only
- New products to be featured in our workshops, and added to our range
- Workshop programs in Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast, Townsville, Malanda, Rockhampton, Tannum Sands, Eidsvold, ... and wherever else may bob up during the year. Hopefully you'll find me on the Gold Coast too (still to be arranged).
- Other news as the year progresses.

**Our new DVD, "20 Years of Creativity" will be well into production mode by the time you are reading this newsletter.** It will be available from February until December 2019 at a very special price of \$10.00 as our thanks to you for your support through the years. There'll be lots of new topics and product tips and ... well ... some design ideas that you didn't think our goodies were capable of doing! It's SOOO nice to be different! **ORDER NOW, PAY LATER.** Don't miss out!

**FLAT PACKS – build your supply of our Fabric Art Paints at very special prices – available from 1<sup>st</sup> February.** Pre-order and pay now to receive **10% discount on the advertised prices.** Discount Offer ends on 30<sup>th</sup> January '19. These Flat Packs will be an on-going item in our range ... but not an Allen key or a sheet of timber in sight! Ask for full details of these packs, or find them on the Products page of my website.

**Major Events 2019 ... quilt festivals ... conferences ... craft shows ...**

- **CRAFT ALIVE – Sunshine Coast – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> till Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April** – stand 135, 136 in the Caloundra Indoor Stadium, Golden Beach. Enjoy our new items and products on display, watch demonstrations and join in 'make and take' workshops each day.
- **HOME ECONOMICS QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> August**
- **CRAFT ALIVE – Toowoomba – Thu 19<sup>th</sup> till Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – a four day show in 2019! See what's new in fabric designing. Come and enjoy my FREE 'Make and Take' workshops at our stand throughout the show.

**To join in the fun...**

**LOOK FOR THE  
"20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FEATURES" PAGE**

on my website from  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

**Half Price Specials  
New Colours  
Limited Releases  
Lots more surprises!**

**CHECK IN REGULARLY SO YOU  
DON'T MISS A THING!**



**Australia's only soft base cold  
cure paint – formulated  
exclusively for us! You've  
gotta try it to believe it!  
FREE HANDBOOKS and NOTES**



**FLAT PACKS feature paints for light and dark fabrics, and a wide range of techniques from printing and stamping to stencilling and rubbings**



**Embellish Magazines** featuring my articles ... back issues now in stock ... \$9.50 each.  
 Issue 30 – “Tropical Lizards” project in heliography  
 Issue 32 – “Capturing Memories”, showing how to design a stencil from your favourite photo or image so you can then create it onto fabric for all time.  
 Issue 34 – “Tartan”, using masking tape to design simple plaid or check patterns.  
 Issues 35 and 36 – “Resist with a Twist” – simple resist techniques to create the look of traditional batik fabrics  
 Issue 37 – Microwaving – available March '19 - not sure what the editor will call it yet (I've written a few suggestions!) – using heat and steam generated in the microwave to form incredible effects in cotton fabrics. Liquid Radiance is non-toxic. We can use the same microwave for cooking food and fabrics!

**MAKING THE MOST OF OUR PAINTING TECHNIQUES ... Variation**

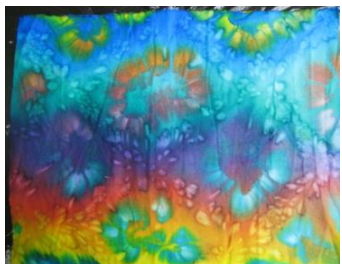
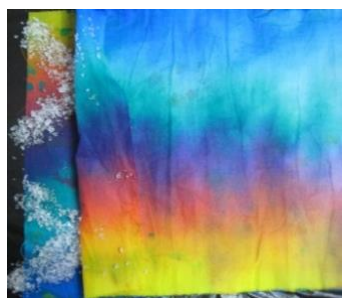
**on a Theme ... TWO Themes, really! ...** Today I've been filming the last techniques for our Celebration DVD, and after the Silk Painting segment, had colour left on my palette. You know it is way too good to waste, so a palette mop-up was mandatory. In my usual silk style I like to set up my palette by placing the colours in rainbow order. (Helps me know where I'm dipping my brushes!) There was lots of colour left – the DVD has a small project in traditional silk painting, but plenty to get you started – so I figured I'd be able to create TWO pieces of fabric from the amount of colour left. You will have seen 'Palette Mop-Ups' in *Concepts* Winter issue (still on my website if you need a refresher.)

**Where you won't find me in 2019 ...**  
 North Queensland girls, please don't look for me at Craft Alive in Townsville or Cairns in August next year. These shows clash with Teachers' Conferences and other activities here in SE Queensland. But make sure you go along and enjoy the show anyway. I'll be in NQ in mid-to-late July.

"Salty Sandwiches" are on the new DVD – with all sorts of variations (except this one!) – but were also described in *Concepts* Autumn 2017 newsletter.

**METHOD:**

1. Wet two pieces of fabric together. Roughly concertina them to fit across the diluted colours in the palette.
2. Press the fabric firmly into the colours with your fingers. Flip the fabric over. Repeat the pressure. Place fabric, still concertina-ed, onto a board and work the colours well through the layers.
3. Separate the two fabrics and lay each flat on its own board. Work the colours (five finger foam brush style) until even across each piece of fabric.
4. Spoon pool salt onto one of the fabrics – remember the rule: a trail (not mountain) of salt about two fingers wide and four fingers apart. I used a criss-cross diamond placement.
5. Lay the second piece of fabric onto the salted fabric, reversing the colour order so they are opposite to the base fabric (see image at left.)
6. Enjoy watching the pattern develop – yes it IS fun to watch paint dry!
7. When the salt has done enough, put the fabric in the sun to stop the effects going any further. [See also note below]
8. Allow fabrics to dry completely. Desalt and rinse well - once to remove the saltiness, another time to remove the salty water, then two or three more times to make SURE no saltiness remains. You know I'm anal about this !!! ☺



**NOTE re #7:** It's drizzling with rain here and very humid ... and I want to STOP the colours going further. I cannot use the sun! (We do need the rain.) So ... the heater light in the bathroom has helped with the drying process, along with a hair dryer, used carefully so as not to dislodge the top fabric, or blow salt around the room.

**Do hope to see LOTS of you for some creative time together during our very special year in 2019, either in Toowoomba or during my travels. Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Genesis Creations™ ! ...**

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