

# Concepts ...

## Student News & Notes – Autumn 2024

Just one of the techniques I teach in *Embellish* #57, available from us NOW. You can 'go dotty' too – it's so simple you won't believe it !!!

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G'day Fabric-a-holics and Fellow Teachers,

**The KISS Principle ...** Writing projects for *Embellish* magazine has been a genuine pleasure since I was first asked to do so in 2017. Then late last year, Editor Lynda gave me the magazine themes until 2025. I love doing the 'head scratching' to come up with something a little different for you to try with each project I submit. But I ALWAYS MAKE SURE it's EASY to achieve, and EFFECTIVE as a result. The amazing dots above are crazily simple to do, and you'll find these along with other 'dotty things' in the March issue of the magazine (#57). Yes, **"Keep It Simple, Silly!"**

**Still KISS-ing! ...** When designing, I love to use equipment that is easy to find around the home. With our non-toxic paints and colours, it's great to be able to take crockery and utensils from the kitchen cupboards as required, then wash them up and put them away again for use with food. It's all part of my 'Safe, Simple, Economical – and

Sustainable' thinking. It's perfectly safe to put clean-up water down the regular drains or onto the garden with no environmental impact too. And if you have mixed too much colour for your project, bottle and label it, and put it aside for the future. No waste!

**Even more KISSING ...** One of the joys of shopping is to see and feel the items you are planning to buy, right? You can tell that I'm NOT an on-line shopper eh?! I prefer the personal touch. For our local ladies, and customers or students travelling this way, coming to my Studio is a no-brainer. The good

**IMPORTANT:** When dunking with one colour in a dish – eg doing socks, garments, large pieces of fabric – left-overs should be bottled separately as they may contain fibres, or traces of detergent (or other grot). Label them so you remember where they came from. Do NOT put these left-overs back into the bottle they came from when first diluted with water.

news is I'm regularly at home these days, and 'Studio' is the fancy name for our converted double garage!

For those of you who live further away – or overseas – popping in is more tricky. Soooo, I'd love you to come **ZOOM SHOPPING**. Phone or email so we can arrange a time to suit us both. I'll send you the Zoom link and ... hey presto ... with everything we need on hand, it's just like walking into a shop – in this case, my Studio. Seeing and talking about what you're planning to buy is important for you to make the most of your purchases, and I can help with on-the-spot demos too if you'd like. Just you and me. It's perfect that way!



**Current and back issues of *Embellish*** are available from us, and can be sent with your orders so you don't need to pay extra on postage. We keep the issues with my projects in them. Find details on the Newsletters page of my website. Issues up to #42 are \$8.00 each, and from #43 onwards \$11.00 ea. That's less than you'll pay in the newsagent, I believe ☺.

## Genesis Creations will be 25 Years Young on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 !!!

**Come to our Open House and join in the celebrations for this major birthday of our business.**  
VENUE & TIME: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July, from 10.30 am till 3 pm in my Toowoomba Studio. FREE to attend.

There'll be displays, demonstrations and mini-workshops, *plus* give-aways and lucky draws. Everyone who attends will go home with a bag of 'Birthday pressies'. Just come with an active mind, sense of humour, and lunch.

Unable to be in Toowoomba on that day? There'll be more Celebrations via Zoom on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July so you can join in the fun from afar. You'll receive a goodies bag in the mail before the event.

**July will rock on from there with more events, offers and discounts. Watch the "Events" page of my website for details as they are announced. Numbers MUST be limited for all events. BOOK NOW so you don't miss out.**

**Coming Events ... March 2024 ...** Workshops, both hands-on and via Zoom, are already running smoothly this year, so let's keep the momentum going ...

- **Web Workshops - Exploring the Versatility of Liquid Radiance Colours - Thu 14 (10 am) and Sat 16 (2 pm) March** – working on towelling, ribbons and laces, zips and Velcro, hats, shoes, and more. There'll be plenty of creative inspiration in this 90 minute demonstration. Saturday is a repeat of the Thursday workshop. [All times are AEST]
- **“Basics and WAY Beyond” - Fri 8 March** – a custom designed hands-on workshop in my Studio, with a small group of friends from Qld Quilters.



**April 2024 ... PD WORKSHOPS** in the Easter school holidays ...

- **Hands-On in my Studio – Tue 9 and Wed 10 April** – 9.30 am till 3 pm each day. We'll cover 'the basics' then further develop our skills in advanced topics. Coming for both days is advisable. Just \$80 per day, or \$150.00 for both days. A third day (Thu 11) can be added to this program if there is sufficient interest, to really make the most of our time together, especially if you are travelling from afar. Numbers must be limited to 6 participants per day. Registrations are now open.
- **PDs via Zoom – Fri 12 and Sat 13 April** - FREE to attend. Registration essential. Approx 75 minutes per session. 10 am Basics | 2 pm Extensions. Saturday program is a repeat of Friday.
- **“A Taste of Fabric Designing”** - Kenilworth Arts and Crafts group – Wed 24 April, 9 till 12.

**BRIGHT IDEA**  
Is planning your own workshop something that you and your friends might be interested in too? Whether in my Studio or via Zoom, let's talk about it!

**May 2024 ...**

- **Qld Quilters' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic – Wed 8 May** from 9.30 am till 1.30 pm, then 6 till 7.30 pm at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Brisbane. I'll be in the Traders' Hall, downstairs at their meeting venue. Display and demonstrations, plus products and fabrics for sale.
- **Hands-On Workshops in my Studio – Wed 15 till Tue 21 May** – Find full details with 'to bring' list and registration on the website. Come for the entire program, or choose the days that interest you.

See website "Events" page for more information. [www.genesiscreations.com.au](http://www.genesiscreations.com.au) OR [www.genesiscreations.au](http://www.genesiscreations.au)

**Making the Most of our Ideas and Techniques .... Playing on a Bread Crate or Other 'Grid' ...**



Always looking for something new and interesting to do, I had been bottling our LR colours and had a puddle of spilt concentrate just waiting to be mopped up. With a couple of calico bags handy, I wet them (of course!), then added more water to the conc colours and went to work, making sure the fabric was evenly coloured to show the pattern best.



BAG on LEFT was formed into a spiral, working flat on a board. It was then eased carefully onto a nursery crate, trying not to disturb the spiral as I did this; then pressed to flatten it a little to help the 'fractured' pattern develop on the flat grid of the crate. With the air able to 'get at' the colour both above and below the grid, the different patterns developed on each side of the bag as the fabric dried. There's no reason why this cannot be done effectively on single layer fabric too – or maybe try two layers of fabric done together to create two fabrics to match perfectly for your sewing project.



BAG ABOVE: Fabric was scrunched and flattened, then put on a bread crate to dry.

***New on my Website – a 'Notice Board' page to draw your attention to events or special offers – or whatever else is relevant – without having to search the entire site.***

***Remember there are loads of videos and support notes in the Ed Centre all FREE to watch and download. Check out what's on my YouTube channel too. Here's to lots more fun and creativity together ...***



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