

Concepts ...

Student News and Notes - Winter



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Hi Fellow Fabric-A-Holics and Textile Teachers,

There's something about winter that just makes you want to snuggle up inside with some favourite sewing and craft projects, isn't there? A perfect way to keep warm as the weather turns a little chilly outside. Jazz up a few pairs of socks just for fun. It doesn't matter if they're old or stained! And for those times when you need to venture out into the chilly air, add some vibrant colour to a warm fuzzy scarf or two to lift your spirits. You'll find some simple colouring instructions for these socks on the next page of this newsletter.



Right now it's time to catch you up with

what's been happening in our Genesis Creations™ world. After two long flights to Perth and Auckland for workshops and conferences, I can now confirm that it's MUCH simpler to put all my gear into bags and baskets in my car and DRIVE to wherever it is I'm going. But those large, heavy suitcases – and deciding whether I could fit in my clothes or not! – have spread the good news about our unique products and colouring techniques far and wide, across Western Australia, South Australia, and more recently New Zealand. It has been a very busy and rewarding few months. My next big trip to Albury and Wodonga, and places between, will be by CAR. Will I be heading your way? Check details below ...



Do you belong to a club or interest group? Ask me to design a specialist workshop just for YOU.

INTERSTATE WORKSHOPS – July till October 2015 –

- **Albury – Mon 6 and Tue 7 July** – Fabulous Fabrics two-day program – my very best workshop for excellence in fabric designing! You'll learn 'the basics' then extend into a range of advanced skills during our two days together.
- **Finley – Fri 10 July** – Fabulous Fabrics: Specialist Basics and Beyond workshop for textiles teachers, patchworkers, and people with an interest in exclusive hand-designed fabrics. One day workshop.
- **Darwin – Sat 5 September** – at Darwin High School - Fabulous Fabrics: Basics and Beyond - a comprehensive one day workshop for textiles and art teachers, learning a huge range of skills and creating LOTS of sample pieces.
- **Darwin – Sun 6 and Mon 7** – at my home-away-from-home, Nakara – Fabulous Fabrics: Basics and Beyond – each day will repeat the workshop above, for patchworkers and quilters, dressmakers, and anyone else interested in hand-designed fabrics.
- **Sydney (Emu Plains) – Sat 24 and Sun 25 October** – Saturday: Traditional Silk Painting | Sunday: Fabulous Fabrics: Basics and Beyond. Check my website for details soon.

Ask for full details and registration.
GOOD NEWS: Pay in full one month
before your chosen program and
qualify for Early Bird Discount.



Workshop with Year 12 students, Southern Cross College, Scarborough Q – April 2015

WORKSHOPS in SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND –

for full details of these, go to my website

www.genesiscreations.com.au.

- **Warwick** – Fri 17 and Sat 18 July – Fabulous Fabrics each morning, Cool Scarves and Silly Socks each afternoon. For full details and to book: www.graftonrose.com
- **Toowoomba** – at my home Studio – Fri 14 till Wed 19 August '15 – Traditional Silk Painting (Fri), Fabulous Fabrics two-day w/shop (Sat/Sun), Free Motion Machine Quilting (Mon/Tue), Garments Galore (Wed).
- **Brisbane** – Mon 28 Sept till Fri 2 October - tutoring with Australian Sewing Guild at their National Convention. Check the ASG website for details: www.aussew.org.au/workshops

2015 in a NUTSHELL ... Shows and Other Events ...

Here's what's on the "Shows" drawing board soon:

Craft Alive Shows during 2015 ... had a wonderful time at these events in 2014, so don't miss us at the following shows, in the "Stitch" area. Free seminars in the workshop area, as well as FREE hands-on workshops at our stand each day! Note the dates for now ...

- **Wodonga** – Friday 3 till Sunday 5 July
- **Tamworth** – Friday 18 till Sunday 20 September
- **Wollongong** – Friday 16 till Sunday 18 October

You can also catch up with our Genesis Creations™ qualified teachers at Craft Alive Bendigo (26 – 28 June), and Wagga Wagga (31 July – 2 Aug).

Home Economics Qld Conference, Brisbane – Sat 1 Aug – Brisbane Convention Centre. Teachers, watch for my email about our Conference Specials – details will be emailed to you in early July. Pre-order so we can deliver your goodies at the event.



Part of our display – Home Economics National Conference in Perth, October 2014

We are unable to attend any of the craft shows in Sydney (Penrith) during 2015, due to date clashes with Home Economics Conferences in Queensland and New Zealand. We plan to be back in 2016.

HANDY HINTS ...Colouring Socks ... see first page of this newsletter ...

1. Wash socks if old or stained – but do not use fabric softener in the rinse water.
2. Wet socks in a bowl of water, and squeeze / wring out any excess water.
3. Mix Liquid Radiance concentrate and water in a small dish – an ice cream container is ideal. Adult socks will need about 40 to 60 mls of prepared colour. Use about ½ teaspoon of concentrate LR in 40 mls water; or ¾ teas in 60 mls water.
4. Dunk socks into the prepared colour, both together. They will 'suck up' the liquid and it will probably seem as if you don't have enough colour! Until you ...
5. Squeeze out the colour from the socks, then continue dunking and squeezing until socks are evenly coloured.
6. When evenly coloured, squeeze out any excess colour. Use the left-overs for another project of course.
7. Put each sock on a drink bottle (a perfect 'pole') and scrunch it up the bottle. Use a rubber band to help the sock grip onto the end of the bottle (optional). The scrunches will form the darks and lights in the pattern of the sock – dark where the colour has been exposed to the air, light in the 'valleys' formed by the scrunches.
8. Place drink bottles in an egg carton (see photo), and allow socks to dry on the pole.
9. When dry, heat set with an iron on synthetic temperature, because of the elastic component of the socks.

IMPORTANT: In the first wash you MAY notice a little loss of colour. This is due to the elasticity of the socks – LR cannot grip to the rubber component. Once that little bit of colour has gone, the rest of the colours will stay.

PRICE REVIEW ... New Prices will apply from 1st July 2015 ... yes, it's inevitable! New product brochure will be available for download from my website in late June.



NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING ... but far from complete 'as we speak' ...

Thankfully I have found a web guru here in Toowoomba who is designing the new-look site with me ... and to my relief, he talks 'normal people' language in getting the job done! The old purple site was technologically a dinosaur and was losing its functionality. It was definitely time for a change. As yet the photos on the new site are not finished and there's lots more to add. In the next few weeks it's my task to update the information and 'tidy the whole thing up'. Gradually I'm learning how to do the updates. Wish me luck!

Haven't caught up with our new address and phone details yet? Here's a summary:

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Here's to getting together, in person or by phone or email, for lots more creativity! ...

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