

Concepts ...

Student News and Notes - Winter 2016



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Hi Fellow Fabric-A-Holics and Textile Teachers,

In the blink of an eye, it's Winter already. Thoughts turn to keeping warm, doing things inside, and in general keeping minds and fingers busy with creativity !!! Time to pull out the UFOs and work on them. Time to upcycle the things in our wardrobe that have languished in there, maybe stained, or a little out of date. Let's give them a whole new look!

'Sustainability' is our responsibility – let's keep that in mind. If your wardrobe and cupboard shelves are like mine, there are things I've loved but no longer wear, maybe



because of a stain or a slightly worn patch. Amazing what a revamp with Liquid Radiance colours will do for the old favourites! And there are HEAPS of ideas in our Garments Galore handbook, complete with technique details and coloured photos, to inspire you.



A stained t-shirt, salted front and back - before and after.
The difference between wet and dry is ... amazing!
The colours blend, as the salt goes to work.

So don't add to landfill by pensioning off your old favourites. Be responsible and give them a whole new look, and a fresh new life.

Our First Half Year ... has been exciting! With training programs for our Genesis Creations™ teachers, and Craft Alive events in Toowoomba and Castle Hill, the first two months were very full-on. Then workshop programs started at my home studio, as well as in Warwick, Coffs Harbour, Sydney, and Singleton. After a day spent with Year 12 textiles students in Scarborough (Redcliffe Peninsula Q), it was time to pack my car in readiness for travels to North Queensland, a round trip of 3,800 kms for workshop programs in Cairns, Charters Towers and Townsville. The warm welcome of our NQ enthusiasts, and the balmy weather were a delight – thankyou to those of you 'up there' who attended our sessions. Coming back to Toowoomba and 4^o mornings has been difficult!

What's Still to Come? ... I'll be spending time in my home Studio or nearby for the winter months, enjoying our creativity with 'the locals'. It's Wimbledon watching time too, so there'll be some late nights and early morning for this tennis tragic. And 10 days of holidays in mid-July will be welcome too. Don't miss the fun of my "Cool Scarves and Silly Socks" workshops in Warwick if you live in the area or are visiting for their Jumpers and Jazz Festival. In August you'll find us at Qld Home Economics Conference with our usual displays and goodies for sale, then at the Fraser Coast Home Show where I'll be presenting free workshops in the Craft Pavilion each day of that event. More workshops in my home Studio at the end of August ... then it'll be spring ... so soon !!!

If **SAFE ... SIMPLE ... ECONOMICAL** is what you're looking for in fabric designing, then our **Liquid Radiance** is **DEFINITELY** for you!



Grab a handful of marbles, some elastic bands, and maybe some salt, and start creating !!!

September sees more workshops at Craft Alive in Tamworth, then at St Stephens Uniting Church during Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers. In October I'm off to Darwin again for a week of workshops at my home-away-from-home in Nakara; then we settle down to more programs in Toowoomba. When the rest of the year is put in a nutshell like that, Christmas seems very close, doesn't it !?!

Exciting news 'hot off the press' ... We'll be at **Home Economics National Conference in Melbourne, from 11 till 13 January 2017** – and a hands-on Fabric Designing workshop is on their program! I'll be presenting this workshop during site visits. Details will be available via HEIA Conference website soon.

AND ... There'll be more of my own programs in Melbourne and Bendigo after that.

Check our website for full details of my programs ... more workshop information next page ...

WORKSHOP PROGRAMS ... TOOWOOMBA ...

JUNE: Wed 22 till Tue 28 – Silk Painting, Fabulous Fabrics Two-Day Program, and Free Motion Quilting and Chenilling

JULY: Sat 2 and Sun 3 July – Fabulous Fabrics – Advanced Workshop (Two-Day Program)

AUGUST: Sat 27 and Sun 28 - Fabulous Fabrics: Basics and Beyond, and Advanced – both one-day workshops

SEPTEMBER: Sat 24 till Tue 27 – Fabulous Fabrics: Basics and Beyond, Advanced, and Silk Painting

DARWIN ... OCTOBER ... Wed 19 till Sun 23 – Open House, Fabulous Fabrics, Advanced and a variety of evening topics

ARMIDALE ... NOVEMBER ... Sat 5 till Mon 7 – Silk Painting, Fabulous Fabrics Basic and Advanced

INVERELL ... NOVEMBER ... details to be announced ... Open House and Fabulous Fabrics 'Mates Rates' Workshop

WHERE to FIND US ... Craft Events till end of 2016 ...

Craft Alive – Tamworth – from Fri 9 till Sun 11 September, 10 am till 5 pm each day, at the Entertainment Centre.

- **FREE WORKSHOP/SEMINAR:** 11 am each day. We'll explore a bunch of creative ideas in this 45 minute presentation.
- **MAKE 'n' TAKE WORKSHOPS** – also FREE! – at our stand. With three sessions per day, there's plenty of opportunity to try some new skills or revisit old ones. Workshop times: 12.30 pm, 2 pm and 3.30 pm each day.

Jumpers and Jazz in July – Warwick – "Cool Scarves and Silly Socks" workshops from Fri 22 till Mon 25 July at 'Grafton Rose'. These events support Pink Bras and Blue Jocks charity. See www.graftonrose.com to book.

Home Economics Conference - Brisbane – Saturday 6 August, at the Convention Centre. Then I'll be at the National Conference in Melbourne from 11 till 13 January 2017, with hands-on workshops during conference and afterwards.

Craft Market and Hands-on Workshops – Toowoomba - Mon 19 till Wed 21 September, at St Stephens Uniting Church during the Carnival of Flowers.

On an unhappier note, I'm unable to be at the Mad Quilters' Gatherings at Penrith in 2016, due to prior commitments.

KEEP UP WITH DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES VIA MY WEBSITE: www.genesiscreations.com.au

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TALENT, using OUR PRODUCTS ...

Let's play with SOCKS to keep your toes warm for winter!

You'll need 40 to 60 mls of prepared colour (ie diluted with water) to colour a pair of medium thickness adult socks, ankle length. Cover your work table with an old sheet or large towel. Find an ice cream container (or similar) that you can fit BOTH hands in at the same time. Put some plastic (or a plastic covered board) on your table surface to save your cloth from getting damp with colours you are using. Wear rubber gloves for this 'dunking' (dipping) technique.



METHOD:

1. Wet socks and wring out excess water.
2. Prepare LR colour (concentrate and water) in the ice cream container / bowl. I use 1 part LR concentrate to 15 parts water and you can see how bright the colours are in the photographs!
3. With one sock in each hand, press the socks into the colour. First up, they will absorb all of the colour, so squeeze them out and continue dunking / dipping and squeezing until the socks are evenly coloured.
4. Place each sock on a bottle. Look for a smiley face on the end of the bottle.
5. Scrunch the socks along the pole as evenly as you can to form your pattern, securing them at the toe end with a rubber band. Check the position of the heel – it will be on the opposite side of

the sock to the smiley face – just like on a real person! Tuck in the floppy bit of the heel.

6. Sit the bottles in an upturned egg carton until socks are dry. This could take up to 24 hours depending on the weather.
7. Remove socks from bottles when dry. Iron to heat set.



MORE THINGS TO TRY WITH SOCKS:

- ❖ Use marbles and rubber bands before putting the socks on the poles.
- ❖ Try salting socks front and back. Lay flat to dry. Rinse out salt before heat setting.
- ❖ I'm sure you'll find some variations of your own as well !!!

Watch for my FREE LESSON in these Concepts newsletters each season.

And one more bit of IMPORTANT news ... June is always 'Price Review' month in our Genesis Creations™ life. We have a small price increase from 1st July this year.

Here's to lots more creativity together ...

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