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May 2007 Newsletter

Welcome again to my second newsletter for 2007, can you believe we are just about half way through May already. Happy Mothers Day to all the mum's on Sunday.

So far we have been very busy in the shop, lots of new retreats, new fabrics arriving all the time, new patterns, new products but still the same old fashioned service.

For those waiting for rain I do hope some arrives very soon, we were lucky a couple of weeks back and received 68mm over 4 days, Geoffrey's oat crop is the best in the district, so he is pretty pleased. The days are still very warm for this time of the year, but I am sure winter is just around the corner.

No better time then winter to sit down in front of the fire and start a new quilt, or better still finish off something half started, I have plenty of those, but I always love starting something new.

For those ladies in the flannel club, we haven't forgotten you, I've been having trouble finding flannels, for some reason a lot of the usual American fabric designers decided not to print Flannels this year, so there has been a shortage. I am very pleased to say that there are samples going out with this newsletter, your yearly membership will be extended to cover the period without any samples. So when your membership is due you will receive a renewal letter with the samples. Yearly membership is \$25.00.

The new flannels available at the moment are from RJR fabrics called "Sweet as a Rose" they are fairly soft colourings of pinks, greens, blues and creams. The fabrics feature tone on tone prints, soft pretty floral and larger floral prints. There are also a couple of stronger fabrics in the range, like the bright pink just as a contrast.

They are priced at \$24.00 per metre.

I have put together kits using these flannels to make "Bliss" an 82" square quilt using all the fabrics in the range.

Cost for the full kit including all fabrics for the quilt top and binding \$190.00.

This is a picture is of the design but not the fabrics.



"Sweet as a Rose" Fabrics



I have also designed and made up another new flannel quilt, it is called Rum & Raisin” I love this quilt, it is made using fat ¼’s of blues, caramels, reds, greens and browns, I have Chocolate Chenille as a wide border around the quilt. It is so snugly and warm and is a great quilt for the man in your life.

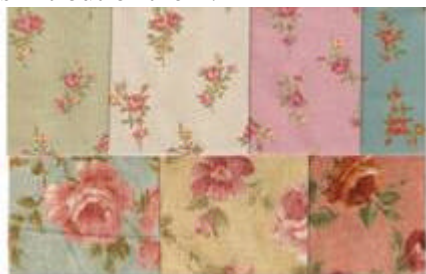
Full kit including fat 1/4s, border fabric of your choice and binding is priced at \$130.00

Quilt size is 77” x 74”



Also with the flannel club samples this month, there are 7 samples of our latest texture fabrics, these are mini cord fabrics which work very well with the flannels, cottons or the chenille.

These mini cord fabrics are priced at \$26.00 per metre. Great for quilts or I think I might make a skirt out of them.



I love the old world look and feel to these fabrics.

Retreat bookings are very heavy for the rest of the year, I have had some new groups this year which has been lovely. For the next 4 or 5 months I have lots of ladies who return year after year to visit me, looking forward to seeing them all soon.

The Christmas in July retreat, has been very popular, I am just waiting on confirmation from those that have booked in, to see if it is possible to make room for any others. I am so looking forward to this weekend, with our guest tutors, Janelle Wind, Natalie Ross and Rosalie Quinlan. The weekend will take a slightly different format this year but I am sure we will all have a great time.

Pin Cushion Swap – don’t forget the pin cushion swap, they only need to be to me by October. Already I have some very interesting ones in, thanks ladies they look wonderful.

Girls day Out – by **Libby Richardson**, our new Block of the Month is ready to go now, this is the most gorgeous quilt, I love everything about it. This quilt is run over 12 months and will include all the fabrics to make the quilt top, I have used Antique Florals, as well as the patterns and all the buttons. I have changed the pricing a little to previously advertised, it will now be \$30.00 per month which will automatically include all the buttons. Retail there is actually \$68.00 worth of buttons on

the quilt, so for the extra \$1.50 per month you will receive them all. Great value and the quilt really won't look the same without them.

This is a picture of block one, it is the block with the most work on it, all the other blocks are much less work.



There are still places available in this Block of the month if anyone is thinking of doing it.

One of my favourite Australian Designers – **Annie Downs from Hatched Patched** is currently working on a new book to be released next month – it is a Christmas Book. I look forward to seeing what she has put together this time. Annie's work is always inspiring, pre orders for this book can be placed by calling the shop.

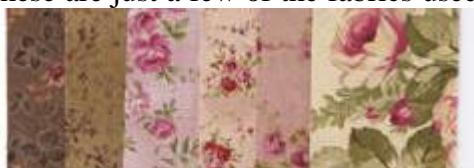
Rosalie Quinlan's new Block of the month is now available as a pattern pack or I can put together the similar fabrics to make a full kit for this quilt. It has simple pieced blocks with needle turned appliqué on the blocks. Rosalie worked on this quilt during her fight with breast cancer so it is a special quilt. I will donate \$5.00 towards every pattern pack sold and \$10.00 for every full kit sold to The Cancer Council. I must just add that Rosalie is well on her way to recovery and enjoys every minute she spends sewing.



Texture is IN, so many ladies are loving working with texture at the moment, chenille is still very popular, along with the ric rac and the pom poms. We have a large range of both now in stock, colours of the chenille include, pink, light green, yellow, blue, lilac, white, cream, navy, bottle green, red and chocolate.

Also in stock presently are lots of gorgeous old world floral fabrics. I have put together a kit using 16 different fabrics, cost of this kit is priced at \$150.00, quilt size is 66" x 82", I will post a photo on my blog very soon, it is a very simple quilt but looks very yummy in all these florals.

These are just a few of the fabrics used.



The **fabric bundle from Nundle**, costs \$38.00 per year, which includes 4 mailings, 20 x 5” squares of some of the latest fabrics, a free pattern each quarter and you receive 10% of all purchases.

This quarters Bundle is made up of the following fabrics.

1 – 7 are the mini cord fabrics I spoke about earlier, priced at \$26.00 per metre.

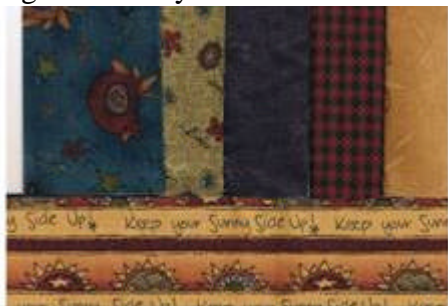
8 – 12 “Sunwashed” This range is made up of 14 different fabrics, very clear summery fabrics, each pattern comes in the different colour ways. Priced at \$22.00 per metre.



13 – 16 Australiana Fabrics, there are actually 8 in stock in slightly different colour ways to those pictured. \$20.00



17 – 21 are from the Sunnyside Up range by Buggy Barn. These are just a sample of the range, they are great country colours with a border print to match. Priced at \$22.00 per metre.



Until next quarter, hope you all stay safe and well and enjoy the colder months to achieve lots,
Yours in Patchwork

Enjoy ♥️ Lene

PS – Don't forget I still have copies of Blackberry Jam & Cream – my first book - \$20.00 per copy posted any where in the world.