

THREADS

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Welcome...

... to our long overdue edition of *Threads*.

As much as I know you have missed us, it has been for a good cause, I promise. The number of quilts being quilted in the new studio has been growing out of sight, making for a very busy machine and as always we are making "Blankets of Love" for children going in to foster care due to enormously difficult family situations.

While enjoying more space and fabulous climate control, it is always a delight to spend time with all our clients, both long standing and new, however to ensure that we have enough time to actually do the quilting (plus the dreaded paperwork) we have had to make a few changes to our hours for drop off and pick up. Please take note of the new times below:

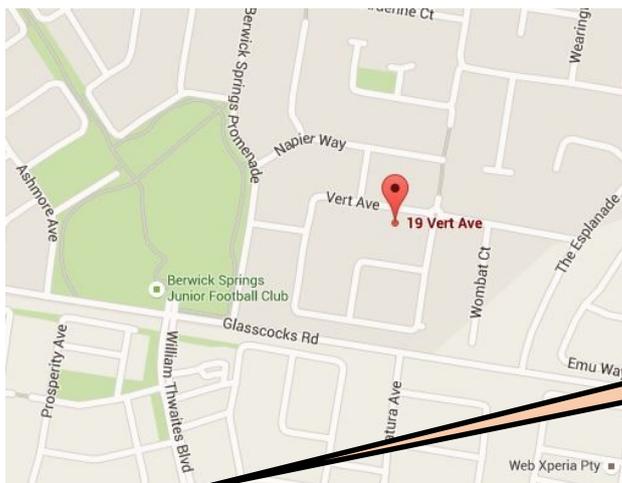
Monday	<i>Closed</i>
Tuesday	Before 10am or after 3pm - by arrangement
Wednesday	Before 10am or after 3pm - by arrangement
Thursday	Before 10am or after 3pm - by arrangement
Friday	Before 10am or after 3pm - by arrangement
Saturday	<i>By appointment</i>
Sunday	<i>Closed</i>

As always, alternative times, including evenings, can be organised. Please give us a call on 03 9705 2330 to discuss this.

So, take a break, grab a drink and enjoy this edition of *Threads*.

Sharon

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This is where we used to be

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Victorian Quilters Guild
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The Quilters' Guild of NSW Inc.

BLANKETS OF LOVE

CHARITY QUILTS

Victoria vs NSW Challenge - Update!



The teams involved in this fantastic work to provide quilts for children entering foster care due to extremely difficult family situations are GROWING! NSW now has two teams working on these quilts and the mob in Victoria is going gangbusters!

The tally for 2016 thus far is:

Victoria 13 completed quilts

NSW 8 completed quilts + a large number of quilt tops ready for transport to Victoria for quilting.



Our goal is to complete at least 52 quilts by year's end.

There is a DSG (Do Something Good) day planned in Bowral, NSW this month with dates in Victoria to be confirmed. There are many ways you can contribute to this amazing work, from sewing, to donating fabric, to purchasing wadding to be used in them. Quilts are being made all year around, not just at planned events, so please [email](#) us for further information about how you can be involved.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE!

www.mdr-quilting.com.au

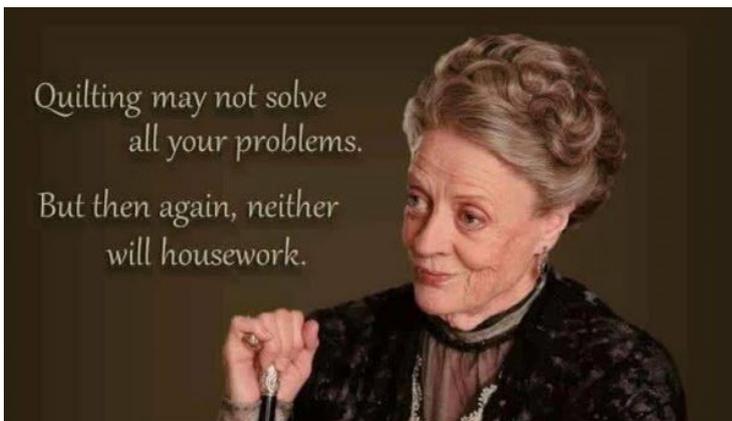
Check out our website for information about bookings, preparing your top for quilting, patterns, price guidelines, general inspiration and more!



2016/2017 Booking Schedule

Whilst every effort is made to keep the booking schedule current on the website, if you need a project completed for a special event please telephone to confirm machine availability.

If you have a project and need it quilted before Christmas it is VITAL to book it in NOW! Times are filling fast, so avoid disappointment and contact us today.



SEWING HINTS

Threads

When piecing quilt tops, don't worry about matching threads. You only need three shades: white, black and grey.

Now, with your reduced colour spread, consider buying 3000 yard cones rather than countless small reels. It is much cheaper (less than half) and you don't run out anywhere nearly as often.



Creased Fabrics

You know when a piece of fabric has been left, folded, in a cupboard for months (years?) and then it feels almost impossible to get rid of the creases?

'Best Press' from Victorian Textiles is the answer! Particularly useful for extra wide backing, 'Best Press' will help to deCREASE stress levels when it comes to getting your quilt just right.



Citrus Grove:
Best Press 470mL
\$17

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QUILTS FOR SALE

Are you looking for a gift but run out of time and/or inspiration?

We currently have a number of quilts in a variety of colours, designs and sizes ready for immediate sale.

Come and have a look at the ready made quilts we have to offer.

LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR A QUILTER?



How about a pack of **Rainbows?**

100% cotton.

40 Strips cut with a laser guided machine for perfect results.

NORMALLY RETAIL FOR AROUND \$63 EACH

SPECIAL \$40 (subject to availability)

Seconds \$28 (subject to availability) Seconds are those where substituted fabric or the cutting blade has caused a rough edge

Quilter's Light Box

Struggling to figure out which quilting pattern is right for your quilt?

Having trouble visualising a particular pattern on your quilt top?

Quilter's Light Box may be what you are looking for.

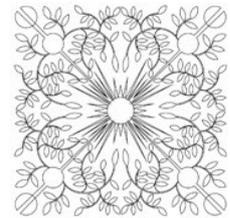
Quilter's Light Box is a software program that you install on your computer. It has over 9000 quilting designs from the Sweet Dream Quilt Studio collection included and allows you to 'audition' or trial different patterns over your quilt top. Simply take a photo of your quilt or of a block, load it into the program and then... play! It also allows you to try different thread colours to ensure that you get the perfect fit for each quilt.

Check it out at www.quilterslightbox.com

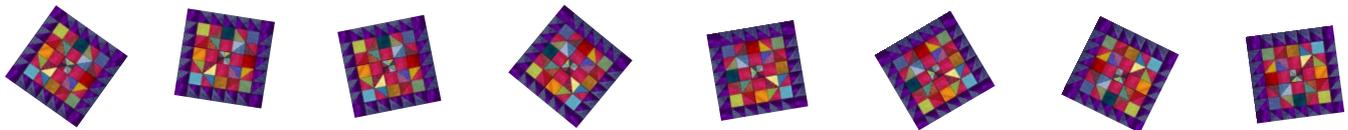
Start with
a quilt picture



Add a
pattern picture



And get this!



Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.

Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.

When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

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