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Putting myself & my
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my creations
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Remember: every great
creation started with a
human thought...
You've got that power
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There's no mistakes
only smaller
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Get out of your
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Because I can't imagine
LIFE without
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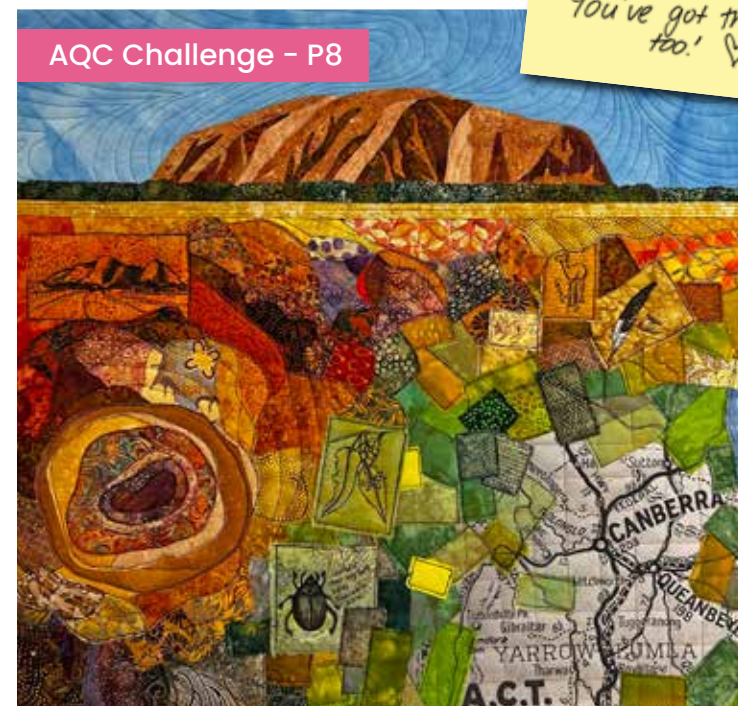
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To distract me from
my quarter-life crisis!
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EVENT INFORMATION

Craft & Quilt Fair
Melbourne Exhibition Centre, South Wharf
September 3 to 6, 2025
10.00am to 4.00pm daily
www.craftfair.com.au

TICKET PRICES

General

- Adults: \$27
- Concession Card Holder: \$23
- Children 12-18 (under 12 free): \$13
- Family (2 adults & children): \$65
- Multi-Day Pass: \$49



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TICKETS

Group Bookings

Travelling in a group of 10+, a school excursion or a community group trip? Make a group ticket booking! Simply scan the QR code or go to craftfair.com.au for more information.



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VENUE FACILITIES

- Wheelchair & pram access
- ATM
- Café open daily
- Cloakroom service \$2 per item (same day only)
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JANOME
BAG GIVEAWAY

Pick up a **FREE Janome Eco Bag** to stash your shopping!

Janome is giving away a My Sewing Buddy eco bag. Be early to collect yours! For the first 1000 visitors only on each day of the fair. (Note: Animal print may differ)



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Welcome to the Melbourne
Craft & Quilt Fair!

The Melbourne Craft & Quilt Fair is finally here – and we can't wait to welcome you to four days filled with creative inspiration, hands-on learning, and a wonderful sense of community.

Craft has been a part of our lives in more ways than we often realise, from the handmade gifts we received as children to the projects we pick up in quiet moments. These small, joyful experiences weave together into something powerful. This year, we invite you to pause, reflect, and celebrate how creativity has always been there, quietly shaping your world.

At the Sydney Fair, we introduced brand-new content that visitors absolutely loved – and Melbourne, we've brought it all with us! Be sure to stop by the Knitters Lounge, check out the String Art Wall, and share your thoughts or memories on our Community Wall – a beautiful new space created to capture the stories of our craft community.

We've invested in making this year's fair more engaging than ever, with new interactive, relaxing, and nostalgic touches designed to lift your experience and spark inspiration around every corner.

Here's just a taste of what's in store:

- Discover the independent Australian retailers and hard-to-find supplies.
- Meet local VIC guilds and craft groups sharing their skills, stories, and work.
- Join in **make & takes**, enjoy **live demonstrations**, and learn directly from passionate creators on the show floor.

We're also thrilled to welcome guest artist **Louise Saxton**, who transforms vintage needlework into breathtaking contemporary art. She'll be hosting seminars and workshops from her stand, visit our website to secure your spot.

Don't miss the **Victorian Quilt Show Showcase**, with judging and presentations on Wednesday, plus the incredible display of quilts in the **Australian Quilt Show** and **AQC Challenge**.

Feeling inspired? Try something new in our **Studio Workshops** – from mosaic pot making and candle crafting, to Cricut sessions and more. You might just walk away with a new favourite hobby.

Come explore, create, and connect.

Second stop: Melbourne!

See you at the fair,
Jess Kent (*Craft Portfolio Leader*)

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Cover image: Wall Garden by Louise Saxton



Fantastic things
to do at the fair

Creative Hub – get hands-on and let your imagination run wild on the show floor!

All activities are **FREE** and open to all ages! Drop into the Creative Hub for a burst of colour, creativity, and fun. Whether you stay five minutes or an hour, there's always something to make, colour, or create – no experience is needed!

Join in with string art, bracelet making, scoobie keychains, colouring in, and share what first sparked your love of craft!

Community Wall – what inspires you to craft?

Stop by and share what sparks your creativity! Leave a crafty quote, top tip, favourite memory or what inspires you to make.



Check out Sydney entries on pages 2-3, yours could be next!

Creative finds around every corner at the fair!

With exhibitors from right here in VIC and further abroad, you'll be spoiled for choice! See show specials and new products on pages 10-11.



A New Market is here!
The debut of the Yarn
& Thread Market

Introducing the Yarn & Thread Market – a curated space showcasing unique, handmade yarns, fibres, and threads from small-scale makers, alongside the popular Knitters Lounge.

Find out more on page 7.



Under 30s Deal BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE!

Do you have a friend who is 30 years or younger who would like to visit the Melbourne Craft & Quilt Fair? All you have to do is purchase any Adult (1-Day) or Concession ticket and click **"I would like to book an Under 30's Ticket"**, fill in their details and head to the help desk at the fair to redeem their free ticket.

**Photo ID of the Under 30s guest is required for collection.* All tickets include entry to the Quilt Show – Book now at craftfair.com.au or by scanning the QR code.





Louise Saxton

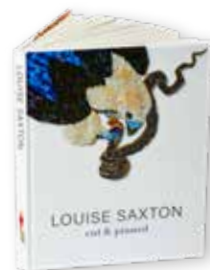


Loving Vintage!

Artist Louise Saxton has a passion for vintage household needlework. She uses it to create new artworks, cut and collaged, recreating ancient stitcheries into new contemporary art pieces.

She has been referred to as the embroidery vandal, but in fact she is honouring these humble, decorative pieces of household linen which are no longer in vogue, reclaiming them and giving them a new life. Her assemblages are held in public, commercial and private collections in Australia and internationally. Louise has participated in Artist in Residence programs in Australia, Malaysia, France, Mexico and Spain.

Louise will also display her self-published monograph *LOUISE SAXTON cut & pinned*, which will be available to purchase through Can Do Books, Stand D01.



We're thrilled to have her with us at the Craft & Quilt Fair to share her processes and show samples of her work. Louise will also teach two workshops with limited numbers on Thursday and Saturday so book now as places will fill.

MEMENTO MONOGRAM WORKSHOP

Thursday September 4 and Saturday September 6
at 10.30am - 1.30pm

Make a Memento Monogram from reclaimed needlework. The artist/tutor will have examples of her own monograms to show. You will learn how to extract (cut out) embroidered and/or lace motifs from domestic linens; arrange them into the shape of a letter which references a friend or loved one (eg R for Ruth).

Cost: \$140.

Kit includes:

- One embroidery hoop (25cm) • Pieces of tulle cut to size
- One box of lace-pins • One pair of sharp scissors • A paper carry bag to take home your memento and kit materials.

Participants to bring:

- Additional doilies, tablecloths, tray cloths or other pieces they have found in op shops or home and are prepared to cut up.



Find out more about Louise and book her workshops by scanning the QR code on the right or go to craftfair.com.au



New for Melbourne!

The Knitters Lounge + the Yarn & Thread Market



Melbourne, meet The Knitters Lounge.

A welcoming, sales-free space designed for relaxation, inspiration, and connection. Whether you're a beginner or a lifelong maker, you can sit and unwind, amongst cozy lounges, yarn, and tools for knitting and crochet. Right next door, the **Crochet Guild of Australia** will be on hand to offer support, share their passion for crochet, and connect you with their growing community.

Complementing this relaxing retreat is the debut of the **Yarn & Thread Market** – a curated showcase of hand-dyed yarns, specialty threads, roving, spinning fibre, and more. It's a must-visit destination for anyone seeking high-quality, handmade materials and the stories behind them. Come and meet the makers, stock up on unique supplies, and immerse yourself in the fibre arts like never before.

Your first look at the Yarn & Thread Market



Fibre Naturally
Woollen Mill



Woollen Witchery



Fluff & Nonsense



Cat and Sparrow Fibre



Discover the Wonder of The Dangles

Step into the world of The Dangles – a vibrant, ever-growing collection of a few hundred knit and crochet pieces. This unique installation celebrates the creativity and diversity of fibre artists everywhere, with each piece contributing to a colourful, connected whole. Presented by internationally renowned textile artist Prudence Mapstone, The Dangles invites you to explore the beauty of yarn in all its forms.

X Marks the Spot



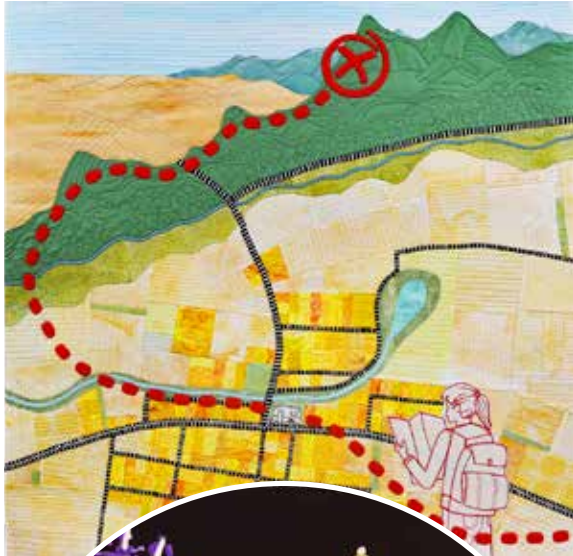
Take a trip around the world with this year's AQC (Australasian Quilt Convention) Challenge which dared passionate quilters to create around the theme **On The Map!**

Enjoy the display of 34 finalists' quilts featuring traditional, modern, abstract and quirky designs.

First prize of \$3,500 went to Helen Duncan with *The Unofficial Mascot*. Runner Up was Alison Withers with *Trek – Day 1* who won \$1,500. Viewers Choice Award of \$500 went to Lyn Keogh with her entry *Keep Me on the Map*.



Quilts, clockwise from left to right: First Prize winner *The Unofficial Mascot* by Helen Duncan; Runner Up: *Trek – Day 1* by Alison Withers; *Luna Lights* by Angela Harris.



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Love is Red

The One Red Thread 2025 exhibition has woven its way from 2012 to 2025, stitching together both national and international textile artists. Each year a theme is set, including red in some form. This year, Elizabeth Dubbelde has set the theme as **Love is Red** and anticipates entries from around the world. Come to the fair and see it on display for the first time.

Left: *A-Z Australia - Zimbabwe* by Jane Irvin; Right: *Pick of the Crop* by Kathryn Harmer Fox.



Victorian Quilters Showcase 2025

This years Victorian Quilters members quilt exhibition will be a fabulous display.

Profile Quilter – Shirley Lodington

A traditionalist at heart, Shirley thrives on hand piecing and hand quilting.

Profile Quilter – Sue de Vanny

Balancing tradition with artistic innovation, Sue presents a striking collection of quilts.



Waverley Patchworkers – presenting works from Charlotte Scott workshop.

Charlotte Scott, New Zealand quilter, uses painted or dyed fabrics in her exceptional designs. Workshop supported by a Victorian Quilters Inc. grant.

The Appliqué Guild of Australia

Outstanding applique quilts showing amazing precision, innovative pattern design and vibrant colour.

Murray River Quilters – 2025 President's Challenge

Murray River Quilters, from the Albury-Wodonga area, present 2025 President's Challenge: "*Reduce, Reuse & Recycle*". A fascinating and inventive display.

2025 VicQuilters Challenge Theme is Re-Cycle, Re-Use, Re-Create.

Quilts sure to inspire.

RAFFLE Quilt: Buy your ticket in the Showcase area.

Drawn 3pm, Saturday 6th Sept. 'Tumbling Weeds' quilt, valued at \$3300. The raffle winner can choose this beautiful quilt or a BERNINA 335 Sewing Machine worth \$1599.

Quilt Appraisal demonstration sessions.

11:00am: Thursday, Friday & Saturday in Showcase area. Victorian Quilters Quilt Appraisal Team will conduct 'live' quilt appraisals, highlighting the detailed process of assessing quilts.

Hands-On Activity – Machine String Piecing.

At 1:30pm everyday in Showcase area. Try some stitching – BERNINA machines provided.



Shape I'm in by Sue de Vanny

Australia's Best Quilts



Now in its fourth year, the Australian Quilt Show is a national competition for Australian quilters.

Get up close and personal with some of the very best textile artworks from artists all over Australia – the finalists and winners quilts in this juried competition will be on display. Come see them for yourself!

VOTE for your favourite quilt – be the judge! The Viewers' Choice winner from the Melbourne fair will receive \$250.



Left: Runner Up to Best of Show, Linda Steele and her improv quilt *Freedom* (detail). Right: Best of Show prize, \$10,000 goes to Bronwyn Hill for her quilt – *Horatio!*



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BROKEN RIVER QUILTS
STAND A24

Spring Garden is an English Paper Pieced (EPP) quilt designed for those who love slow stitching. A pattern, acrylic templates, EPP papers and a fabric kit are available for this quilt.



BROTHER
STAND SP1

The power of customisation is in your hands with the compact Brother SPI Sublimation Printer. Create vibrant T-Shirt, totes, mugs, travel cups, sweaters, and homewares.



THE SEWING BEE CAFE
STAND A17

Largest range of batik fat quarters at a discounted price.



EAST MEETS WEST AU
STAND A15

Printable/Self-adhesive water-soluble fabric. Effortless to sew through – tested and proven. Simply print, stick, stitch, and rinse away.



JUST PATCHWORK SEWEZI
STAND A37

Botanica Australiana features 14 small and 2 large blocks from the Botanica Stitchery, stitched using Perle 8 threads, and borders using aboriginal fabrics.



JANOME AUSTRALIA
STAND C22

Just RELEASED! 2 New Embroidery models, Memory Craft 1000 & 100E. Visit Janome Stand #C22 for information or have a demonstration.



PATCHWORK NINJA
STAND B29

Stained Glass Geisha Backpack. Make this fabulous Geisha Backpack with our fusible bias tape!



QUEEN OF FABRIC
STAND A26

DIY Luxe Tote Bag Kit – Premium Fabric. Whether you're a beginner looking for a weekend project or an experienced sewist after a stylish new staple, this kit has you covered.



FIBRE ART IN AUSTRALIA
STAND A03

The Ashford Electric E Spinner make spinning your own yarn easy. It's compatible as portable making spinning your own artisan yarn for your fibre creations super easy and fun.



GOOD TO SEW
STAND D03

A huge range of Riley Blake Basics to complement any project.



YAZZII
STAND A13

This medium-sized tote features a secure zippered closure and a comfortable carry handle, making it ideal for taking your projects on the go.



YOU ARE BRAVE TEXTILES
STAND A06

Just released, "Ditsy Gum Blossom" and "Gum & Casuarina" print fabric come in breezy blues or earthy hues on 100% cotton poplin. Perfect for the Australian summer!



PIZZLY PAGES
STAND A30

A little kit with instructions on how to make your own "pot plant pal" artist teddy.



RONDELLE DESIGNS
STAND A28

Whimsical sticker sheets perfect for papercrafting and journaling.



BABY LOCK AUSTRALIA
STAND D34

Test out the PRIMO Top-Coverstitch Machine which is the latest in the Baby Lock range. Show Specials on all models.



SCISSORMAN
STAND A01

Limited Edition Kaffe Fassett M3Pro Iron in Collector's Tin – combining vibrant design, innovative features and powerful performance to inspire all with colour, creativity and craftsmanship.



BERNINA
STAND C07

Creativity at its best with the top-of-the-line B990 and the take anywhere new 3 Series machines on the BERNINA Stand C07.



INKBLOT LANE
STAND A02

Our Advent Village Gift Box pattern – the ultimate mix-and-match design for endless creative possibilities!

Step into the Craft Classroom

Discover a hands-on schedule of Make & Takes and exhibitor-led FREE Seminars, all running daily on the show floor. Try something new, learn a fresh technique, or enjoy getting creative. Bookings required for Make & Takes. For more details and full descriptions go to craftfair.com.au



Session 1. 10.15am – 11.00am

Catharina's Vintage Stitches. Presenter: Simone Sudholz
Organic Stitching: Unleash Your Creativity.
FREE SEMINAR

Session 2. 11.10am – 11.55am

WonderFil Australia. Presenter: Jennifer Moore
Understanding Thread Weights: Choosing the right thread for every project.
PLUS: Presenter: Kate Marra
Make your Overlocker Stitches Shine
FREE SEMINAR

Session 3. 12.05pm – 12.50pm

Decoupage Guild Australia Inc. Presenter: Jenny Aiken
Decorate a Bracelet
Make & Take – Cost: \$15

Session 4. 1.00pm – 2.00pm (extended)

Just Patchwork. Presenter: Gai Taylor
Kensington Cushion
Make & Take – Cost: \$30

Session 5. 2.15pm – 3.00pm

WonderFil Australia. Presenter: Jennifer Moore
Frame It Up: A Fun Appliqué Glasses Case Workshop
Make & Take – Cost: \$22

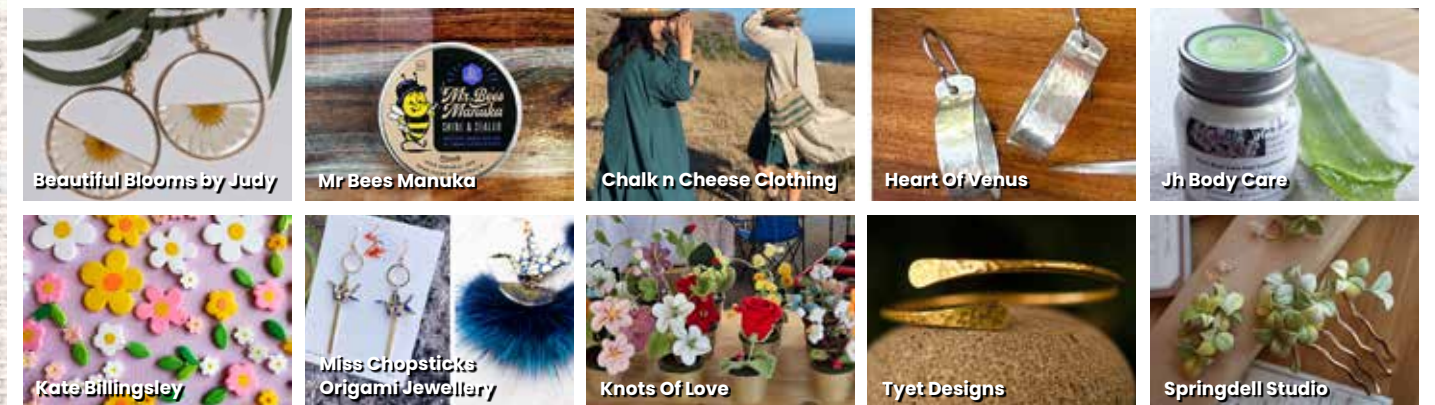
Session 6. 3:15pm – 3:50pm

The Victorian Egg Decorators' Guild Inc.
Presenters Helen Schweiger & Lorraine Bailey
Snow Queen Egg
Make & Take – Cost: \$45

Scan the QR code to view full session information



Shop for Handmade Creations from talented local makers in the **Makers Space!**



Guilds

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BASKETMAKERS OF VICTORIA INC.



VICTORIAN EGG DECORATORS GUILD



TATTERS' GUILD OF AUST VIC BRANCH



DECOUPAGE GUILD AUSTRALIA INC



CALLIGRAPHY SOCIETY OF VICTORIA



GIFT SHOP

Take home a souvenir!

Take home a crafty practical souvenir of your visit. Visit the Help Desk, located at the entrance.



Our official merch is available **at the fair and online when you purchase your ticket!** Don't miss out on taking home a crafty keepsake.

On Stand Education at the fair



Stand SP1
Sublimation SP1 Workshop
Join us at 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm daily



Stand Stand C21
BERNINA 3 Series, Simply Joyful Sewing for Beginners. 1 hour
Cost: \$20.
Join us at 11am and 1pm daily



Stand JAN_SEW
Get Creative... with stitches and what is that foot??
Join us at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm daily



Stand D34
Daily Stand demonstrations in a dedicated area on the stand.
Hand out technique sheets will be available and a **FREE GIFT**
Join us at 10.30am, 12noon and 1.30pm daily

Rondelle Designs
Stand A28
Intro to Underglaze Transfer Papers
Join us at 11am and 3pm daily

Patchwork Ninja
Stand B29
Sew Fast Like A Ninja: Patchwork Ninja Free Presentation
Join us at 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm daily

You Are Brave Textiles
Stand A06
3 Easy Ways To Screen Print At Home
Join us at 2.30pm daily

The Scissorman
Stand A01
Automatic Needle Threader
All day

Book a Workshop.

These one-off sessions are held by invited tutors and must be pre-booked at craftfair.com.au. Don't miss your chance to get creative and try something new!

Wednesday September 3 10.15am to 12.45pm, OR 1.15pm to 3.45pm

Make a Coiled Basket with Raffia and Fabric

Presented by **Vicki Fowler from Basketmakers of Victoria**
Fee: \$100



Learn the technique of coiling, in this colourful and happy workshop, to craft a basket using recycled materials. No two baskets are alike. The method uses hand dyed raffia and blanket stitch around a core of colourful fabrics. You will learn how to start, shape and finish a basket.

All skill levels are welcome from beginners to experienced Basketmakers. All materials are supplied; just bring scissors and drinking water.



Thursday September 4 10.15am - 12.45pm
Mosaic Workshop (Pot or Coaster)

Presented by **Be-Ras Creatives Art Café**
Fee: Pot: \$115 or Coaster: \$95



In this mosaic workshop, you will learn the art of creating a beautiful mosaic planter or coaster from start to finish.

Choose from a variety of colourful glass and learn how to design, stick, and finish your own unique piece. Adhesives, glass tiles, and grouts used for indoor and outdoor mosaics will be provided.

Thursday September 4 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Glass Painting Workshop

Presented by **Be-Ras Creatives Art Café**
Fee: \$90

Join us for a transformative beginner-friendly glass painting workshop where you'll learn how to create your own custom light. Using an acrylic panel and a light with a base, you can paint intricate designs and vibrant patterns to take home.

Transform a simple acrylic panel into a mesmerising night light.



Find your Next Obsession!

Friday September 5 10:30am - 12noon
UV Resin Cherry Blossom Jewellery

Presented by **Divergent Designz**
Fee: \$65

Join us for a fun and creative event in Melbourne where you can learn to make your own unique cherry blossom-themed jewellery using UV resin!

No experience is necessary, just bring your creativity and we'll provide all the materials you need. Choose from either a silver or gold-toned matching set of earrings and pendant necklace or create two pendant necklaces from a variety of settings.



Friday September 5 1.45pm to 3.45pm
Waffle Dessert Candle + Dried Flower Wax Tablet

Presented by **MOSA Handmade**
Fee: \$100

For making a Waffle Dessert Candle, you'll learn:

- How to dye wax and blend colours
- Choose a fragrance to scent your candle
- Select toppings to personalise your candle designs
- Learn the techniques of pouring cream-like wax for candle decoration

For making a dried flower wax tablet, you'll learn:

- How to design the wax tablet with dried flower
- How to dye wax blend colours
- Choose a fragrance to scent the wax tablet
- Decorate your wax tablet with ribbons

Using natural plant-based wax, and premium scents, all from local Australian candle suppliers.



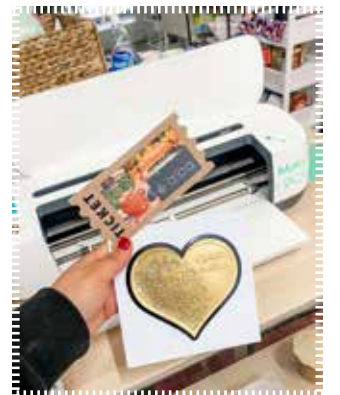
Saturday September 6 10.15am to 12.15pm

Introduction to Cricut

Presented by **Bayside Makerspace**

Fee: \$65

Join us for a fun and inspiring Cricut workshop where you'll explore the endless possibilities of the Cricut Maker, Cricut Joy Xtra and Cricut Joy. Whether you're a crafting pro or just starting, this class will show you how to use the software, work with a variety of materials to make personalised gifts, home decor, and more.



12.45pm to 2.15pm

Watercolour Paper Flowers

Presented by **Bayside Makerspace**

Fee: \$60



In this workshop, you will learn how to create your very own unique paper flower using watercolour painting. No experience is needed, as watercolour is a beginner-friendly medium - you can let your creativity flow freely!

2.45pm to 3.45pm

Customise a Tote Bag with Heat Transfer Vinyl

Presented by **Bayside Makerspace**

Fee: \$45

Get ready to turn a simple tote bag into a one-of-a-kind masterpiece! In this hands-on workshop, you'll explore the world of heat transfer vinyl (HTV) and create a personalised tote bag that's as unique as you are. Whether you want to add a motivational quote, a fun design, or your own artistic flair, you'll learn the basics of working with HTV and how to apply it using heat presses.





Stop and smell the inspiration – see you soon!

“Creativity
isn’t a skill,
it’s a spark.
Come light
yours”

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high tea. Who wouldn’t
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Treat yourself to the ultimate
craft experience with our VIP
ticket — exclusive merch,
multi-day entry, and a high
tea voucher to top it off.

Tickets are limited —
because not everyone
gets to be VIP.

Visit craftfair.com.au
to book!



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