



(LEFT) The 'Anika' fabric collection

ECO LIFE - *Organic Fabrics*

Handmade Living meets *Jennifer Moore* from Monaluna fabrics, a small surface-design company based in California. Her organic cotton prints make the perfect family-friendly crafting material, as we find out.





“ Issue 6 will feature an 'Anika' quilt pattern exclusively designed by us! ”

(ABOVE) A selection of Monaluna's popular fabric designs



I first became aware of Monaluna fabrics last year when I saw a dress that someone had made for their baby out of some amazing pink scooter fabric. A little searching on google led me to the Monaluna website (www.monaluna.com) and their amazing collections of fabric.

Although it was the colour and pattern that I was first drawn to, learning that all of the Monaluna fabrics are 100% organic cotton was a great discovery. Knowing that the Monaluna brand was designed, managed and owned by just one woman – Jennifer Moore – cemented for me the knowledge that this was a business I should learn more about.

Monaluna specialises in organic cotton fabrics with bright, vibrant prints which are all designed by Jennifer and then printed in India using AZO-free dyes. Jennifer began licensing her artwork for fabric projects in 2008 and launched her own range of organic cotton prints in 2010, after designing collections for the well-known Robert Kaufman fabric brand.

Her first collection was 'Monaco', which was available in both pink and blue (which is where the scooter fabric came from!). All of her collections are based around a theme and the current collection – 'Anika' – is heavily influenced by folk-style.

Issue 6 of *Handmade Living* will feature a quilt using the lovely Anika fabrics, exclusively designed by us and Monaluna fabrics are available through a number of UK fabric stores – see p113 for more details.