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IN BRIEF

VINTAGE FABRIC

We have an ever changing array of vintage fabrics. Latest assortment includes plain and check wools, printed and plain corduroy, and pretty winter weight cottons.

We also have a large stock of vintage haberdashery, remnants, and other assorted items. To help these items find a new home, we are going to have a 'Vintage Rummage sale'. This will be held over two days. Tentative dates are Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd June. If you are looking for old laces, remnants for small garments or patchwork, this is the place to be.



WINTER IS ON THE WAY

There has been a crispness in the air recently which encourages thoughts of warmer clothing like knits, coats and jackets. We presently have a substantial range of knits, and I am always on the hunt for more woollen fabrics for coats/jackets.

A big thank to all those customers who continue to provide positive feedback - you spur us on to continue to strive to bring beautiful fabric to Bendigo.

Elizabeth

NEW IN STOCK

BUTTONS

Our new range of beautiful buttons have been carefully selected to co-ordinate with many of our fabrics. The pictures below show a few of them.



NEW FABRICS

We have four new colours of stretch pinwale corduroy to complement the existing chocolate brown corduroy. The lovely green, pictured above with the buttons, co-ordinates beautifully with a number of the Liberty fabrics. We also have a taupe and two shades of teal green, one of which is pictured with the painted buttons above (fabric colour is not true in photo).

Another recent arrival is a lilac flannel, pictured above with the black & purple buttons. Perfect for coats and jackets.

SEWING AIDS

Unique to House of Cloth - two local craftsmen have produced these invaluable tools for your sewing room:

1. *Pattern weights* hold the pattern tissue perfectly in place without pins while you cut the fabric. Essential for hard to pin fabrics and much quicker. The metal weights have been painted and come in two shapes, and have a choice of handle. Ceramic handle - \$15 each, Metal handle - \$10 each.

2. *Wooden Pressing tools:*

Clapper - use this tool with steam to flatten seams and make/remove creases. This is essential for making bias binding. Cost - \$10

Tailor's board - a must for tailoring, the different sizes of curves and narrow straight edges allow you to press seams flat and open without wrinkling the surrounding area. Achieve perfect points on lapels, collars and cuffs.

Cost - \$65 (includes a matching wooden point turner /presser).

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRACE KELLY SOIREE

Following our successful day in March, we are offering another opportunity to celebrate the Grace Kelly era. This event will be held just prior to the close of the *Grace Kelly: Style Icon* exhibition.

We are encouraging our guests to wear attire from any time during Grace Kelly's era, or to bring memorabilia from this time. We have some great prizes to be won again.

When: Friday 8th June

Time: 5.30pm to 8pm

Refreshments will be served

RSVP: Saturday 2nd June

FABRIC SWAP

Have you ever looked at fabric in your stash and wondered why? Why did I buy that when I know it will not suit me? Or have you realised that since the fabric was bought, your body has changed and it will no longer suit you. Sound familiar?

If so, are you interested in finding a new home for this fabric, and maybe picking up something more suitable.?

We are planning to hold a 'fabric swap' day, where you can bring some of these fabrics along and swap them for other fabric. No money will change hands.

The tentative date is Saturday 30th June 2012. We will need to know if there will be any participants, so if you are interested please let us know, by email to fabric@houseofcloth.com.au, by telephone on 5443 6400 or in person.

INTRODUCTION TO WEAVING

Interested in learning to weave? Or want to refresh your skills? Then read on.

The *Introduction to Weaving* workshop series would run for 4 consecutive weeks on a weekend from 10.30 - 3.30 with half an hour for lunch.

In your very first class you will be winding a prepared warp onto the loom, and be weaving by the end of the day. Week two will see you winding your own warp, whilst week three will see you planning your own project.

If you are interested in participating please let us know, by email to fabric@houseofcloth.com.au, by telephone on 5443 6400 or in person.

OTHER NEWS

LIBERTY FABRIC

We are expecting another delivery of Liberty fabric in the next couple of weeks. This will be from the Lantana range, which is 80% cotton and 20% wool. Just perfect for these cooler days.

CUSTOMER PICTURES

Our coconut shell buttons are in this necklace. And remember that beautiful green striped silk?



SEWING LOUNGE

Our sewing lounge has been well patronised so far, with participants being very pleased with progress on their respective projects. These sessions are held on Thursday evenings from 6-9pm. Support, inspiration and instruction are provided in an informal 3 hour

sewing session; you provide the sewing project. Suitable for all skill levels. Dates for the sessions over the next 2 months are: May - 10th and 24th; June - 14th and 28th. Please let us know by the Tuesday prior that you will be attending. Cost is \$30 per session.