



Rajah Quilt Retreat

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Good Morning.

I hope everyone is well and staying warm.

I'm getting very excited now, with only 8 weeks to go until our Retreat it's time to get organised.

So far there has been only one change to the plans. That is the Welcome Drinks venue has been moved. It will now be at the Soldiers Club, not the Alpine Heritage Motel as planned. The club is spacious and warm; you can stay on for dinner there without having to venture out after the get-together to find a meal.

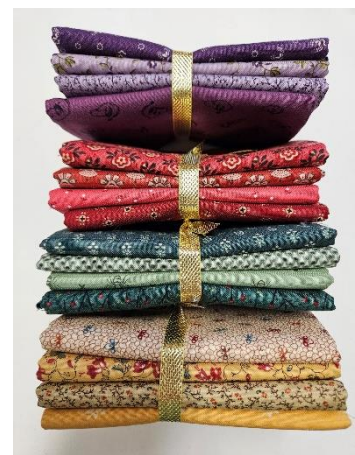
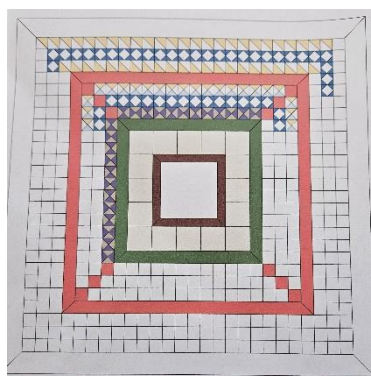
The Quilt!! This will be my version of the historic quilt. While it is the focus Quilt of the retreat, it is not in any way restricting your choices of project and what you want to achieve with your days of sewing. You can do whatever you like, it's your choice. Just let me know what you intend to work on so that I can be prepared.

The Rajah Quilt is a unique piece of Australian history. While I admire the actual quilt, my fascination for the quilt lies mostly with the circumstances and women who created it. Why they were there, how they endured the journey, the conditions, the hardships and sewing on the dark, cold stinky ship. All of it interests me.

So I have created my version of the original. I have used the same blocks, increased the sizes and left out some of the embroidered elements. I have chosen a bigger colour palette but kept it in more reproduction fabrics than I would normally use. I hope you like it.

It is a quilt of many options. You can choose to make the finished size 60" or 88". I have designed alternative blocks and various ways to achieve the same look depending on your skill level or technique preference.

I have a full centre kit available. This includes the exact fabrics that I have used and all that need to replicate mine. You can then choose your colours and fabrics to carry on. I have put together kits of colour palettes for purchase also.



I have used a range called FERNSHAW by Max and Louise as my feature. This is still widely available. I suggest Threads Botanica and Fabrics at the right Price by Robyn Cawdon if you are looking for it.

I will be listing detailed fabric requirements next week.

I intend to teach all the techniques involved in the quilt to get you to the second (pink) border by the end of the weekend.

WHAT TO BRING:

All your sewing requirements.

I will allow 2 power outlets per person, one for your machine and one for an iron, but you may be able to share the irons if you need a light, for example.

Your cutters and rulers, I have large cutting mats to bring along.

I will provide 2 irons and ironing boards.

Visiting Vendors :

Veronica from Appleyard Cottage will be joining us with her pop-up shop.

Robyn Cawdon will also be joining us on Saturday with her Reproduction fabric collection.

Both ladies have EFT available.

I would appreciate full payment by the end of July.

I hope everyone is ok with accommodation. Please call me anytime with any questions.

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All the details, including all the information in this and future emails, will be available on the web page, the one where you sign up, www.patchworkdesignandquilting.com along with the fabric kits very soon.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon

Susan