

Cactus Quilt Shop
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Whether you are new to Tucson, visiting, or escaping winter, a lovely quilt shop called Cactus Quilt Shop is on the northwest side of town on Route 77, also known as Oracle Road. Once you enter, you'll receive a warm greeting from Lulu, the adorable Shih Tzu mix belonging to Lisa and Carl Ellis. Lisa's goal for the store is to create a community for quilters and encourage social interaction in north Tucson.

When the location on Oracle Road was finally operational, Lisa and a host of volunteers had a fabric parade. The volunteers unloaded the fabric into the store within one hour. Why didn't she sell tickets? Any "fabraholic" would have been willing to pay to observe the parade go by.

Here are some of the fabulous jewels you can find either in the store or on the internet:

- Cactusquiltshop.com—a fully functioning e-commerce website.
- Facebook live—Cactus Quilt Shop Friends—typically on Tuesday @ 2:30—be sure to like them on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/CactusQuilts6032/>
- The Cactus Quilt Shop App—available on both Android and iPhone.

In these venues, you can find things that have just arrived, new fabric and notions, and a virtual shop hop. Also, through the app, you can see live sales, even if you don't have a Facebook account. Lisa explains, "You can still join in the live sales, including the virtual shop hops we belong to."

- Free sit & sew every Thursday from 9:30 to 5:30.

- In-store retreats where the sewer can bring a project they are working on and sew with others. Please check the store for hours and availability.
- The third Friday of each month features hand applique either in cotton (in the realm of Baltimore Album applique), or wool. Both groups are free to join—but Lisa is clear, no machines, please.
- A social evening of show and tell. Please check with the store for time and hours.

Cactus Quilt Shop is the purveyor in Southern Arizona for:

- The Sassy Sunflower project.
- Sewposium – Cactus Quilt is only one of sixty quilt stores in the United States and Canada to offer Karen Montgomery Fabrics and the famous Brown Bag mystery series.
- Jason Yenter fabrics and quilt kits.
- Official dealer for Innova Long Arm Quilting Machines. Contact them for purchase information, pricing, demonstrations, and support.

Cactus Quilt offers edge-to-edge quilting to finish your quilt. Prices vary by yardage and density of the quilting. Check with Lisa and her staff for prices.

Lisa says the major difference between her quilt store and others around town is her focus of the quilting community on the Northwest side of town. She has a variety of charity groups and service projects like Sleep in Heavenly Peace, donating quilts to homeless children.

In support of the Tucson Quilters Guild quilt show, the Quilt Fiesta (January 10th through the 12th, at the Pima County Fairgrounds), Lisa is donating space and support for guild members to drop off their quilts on Friday, January 3, 2025. Please mark your calendars. She is also donating space to hold and judge the quilts for the [Quilt Fiesta](#).

Cactus Quilt has the largest square footage in Tucson for quilt enthusiasts, and offers a warm spot to sit, sew, relax, and be in a comfortable environment. Lisa has five employees and more than eight teachers who come from the outside to teach various quilting techniques. She says the shop has grown over the three years since she purchased it. The store contains a solid collection of quilting fabrics that will make one drool for their next project.

If you're visiting Tucson for the winter and need a sewing project, or a local looking to enhance your quilting skills, visit Cactus Quilt in person or online.