



Shift dress in Dutch batik.



Louise in a favourite retro A-Line in Dutch batik.



50s look, fitted straight line in Java print.



Japanese cotton fixed tie dress.

Fabulous threads, original fashions, quirky fabrics - for the gal who likes to feel funky, fresh and stylish!

LOCALS LOVE CHICK PEA



Cross back cocktail swing dress in Dutch batik.



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Since purchasing her first sewing machine at age 17, Louise Hardy has been making clothes ... her own way. 'It all began because I couldn't get the clothes I wanted or could afford,' explains Lou. 'Soon friends convinced me to make their clothes too.' Widening her audience, her unique styles and materials can be found at Parap Markets and Ginger PINK, Shop 4/33 Cavenagh Street Darwin. 'I source fabrics and styles from anywhere and everywhere, give them a twist to produce clothes with a really individual style. People are generally wearing a one-off original,' she adds. 'I get bored easily and am constantly developing and refining my styles.' Lou produces her magical styles from her Chick Pea sweatshop. 'It's an air-conditioned woman cave in my Parap home,' she laughs. 'It's full of cloth collected from around the world. I trawl the net searching fabric sites and only buy in small quantities, enough for a couple of pieces at a time.' Chick Pea designer dresses, tops and skirts are smart and poised, with hints of Lou's sense of humour. 'They're made to be comfortable in the tropics. No one looks or feels good if they're melting.'

Contact Louise Hardy on 0488 154 688 or at Parap Markets Or call into Ginger PINK Shop 4,33 Cavenagh St Darwin, Ph: 0408 375 550

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