

RESIDENT TREND

RAW CLOTH SHAPED BY A CLIMATE OF STARK CONTRASTS

After a lifetime in the Territory and over 21 years in the couture business, Rhonda, Jo, Kerrie and Christine at Raw Cloth are continually wowing females of all ages with their unique ready to wear outfits.

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From dress to furnishings, Lillian Smith fabrics exclusive to Raw Cloth.

Each piece is lovingly designed and crafted using their own designs with stunning bold, beautiful, top-quality textiles from around the globe. Local Darwin textile artist Lillian Smith has been working with Raw Cloth for over two years. She's created this latest range of 100 percent cotton fabrics. They're bright, tropical and joyful. Love and sunshine beams from every seam hanging in store — and no two pieces are the same. 'I work with a maximum five-metre length at a time,' says Lillian. 'I individually hand dye, stencil and silkscreen the cotton, adding different layers and touches as I go. Each designed fabric is unique. It takes several days just to complete, but I have lots of fun making them. I love seeing what the girls create from it — it's wearable art in the most practical form, and it brings so much joy to the eventual owner.' At Raw Cloth their traditional couture techniques include love, creativity, the best quality sewing thread and 'slow sew' — giving garments respect, time, humour and patience. Each piece reflects the stark contrasts, climate and multiculturalism of the Territory and what makes us unique.

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