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Aspiring young designers hit Newcastle

Young and fabulous, aspiring designers are strutting their stuff at CraftExpo in Newcastle on February 19 – 21, 2010 held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre, Showground, Broadmeadow.

Students from around NSW will be exhibiting their 2009 HSC major Textile and Design work in an inspiring exhibition called Texstyle. Newcastle CraftExpo is one of the few places in Australia that have been selected and they will have a collection of these works on display.

A fascinating insight to the young designers of the future these gifted students have explored fashion, costume and textile art using a diverse range of techniques. Inspiration has come from both the past and present with a variety of themes ranging from our own Baz Luhrman's Moulin Rouge, Ancient Egyptian cultures to Australian Architecture.

With twenty major pieces on display talented students will join their teachers and be on hand to answer questions, discuss their creation, inspiration and most importantly give advice to Newcastle students on what it is like to produce a major work.

Packed with inspiration, CraftExpo has a range of crafty ideas to help equip every fashionista with the tools to be fashion forward on a budget.

Attend workshops, seminars and classes that will teach you tips on doing it yourself. Learn from a range of tutors of all ages and specialties and get excited about endless possibilities of jewellery making, crochet creations, custom made fabrics and lots more.

Learn from tutors such as 21 year old budding fashion and jewellery designer, Darius Seeto. Exhibiting in Newcastle, Darius proves that creating beautiful jewellery and clothing with flair is no longer just for the girls. As a craft all-rounder he works with many mediums and also specialises in fashion including, jewellery, accessories and clothing. When not working on his own projects, Darius works in the family business, The Creative Craft Class, Ann Whitlock who is also exhibiting and teaching at the Expo.

His unique style of design have proven to be very popular with craft experts as he has been brought on board to write patterns for Creative Beading, Creative Knitting and Australian Knitting some of Australia's leading craft magazines.

"CraftExpo gives me the opportunity to share with people my love of craft. Running a workshop in the Bead Boudoir allows me to help people discover their potential and find their passion for fashion through craft", Darius Seeto said.

Join in the fun that is CraftExpo – as well as an abundance of craft supplies to buy and wonderful workshops to enjoy; you will be able to take part in fun activities discovering for yourself whether your creative side is ready to be unleashed. Designed to create a relaxing and casual environment with features that will inspire, delight and give you ideas, CraftExpo is the destination for all generations whether fashion forward or looking for some craft inspiration.

Brought to you by the people who present Craft & Quilt Fair.

Where & When:	Newcastle CraftExpo Newcastle Entertainment Centre, Showground, Broadmeadow February 19-21, 2010
Open:	10.00am – 4.30pm daily
Tickets:	Adults: \$14, Seniors/Pensioners: \$12, Children (5-16yrs): \$7, Children (under 5yrs): FREE, Family (2A + 2C): \$34. Tickets available at the door or online at www.craftexpo.net.au
Groups:	Advanced Purchase tickets are available for groups of a minimum of 10 people at a discounted rate. To arrange a group call (02) 9452 7575.
Information:	Visit www.craftexpo.net.au or call 02 9452 7575.

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