

# Needleworks in New Orleans

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Despite the Big Storm, New Orleans has a thriving needle arts community. The following stores are located within a 6 mile radius of the convention center. All except the Quarter Stitch will require either a cab ride or a car. The stores are listed from closest to farthest away. If you are going to use a mapping program, the address of the convention center is 900 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70130.

## **Quarter Stitch**

(504) 522-4451

630 Chartres St (in the French Quarter)

Store Hours: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day

Located just West of Jackson Square in the French Quarter, this store specializes in high-end and hand-dyed yarns. The yarns are so yummy you will want to plunge your hands into all the baskets!! They also have a good selection of needlepoint canvases, including ones with the fleur de lis and other New Orleans themes. The very back room (or closet) contains some cross-stitch kits and books relating to Louisiana or New Orleans.

## **Garden District Needlework Shop**

(504) 558-0221

2011 Magazine St

<http://www.gardendistrictneedlework.biz/>

Store Hours: Open Wednesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Unless you are planning on coming in early or staying late after the annual meeting, this store may not be "doable" due to their store hours. In addition to the wide selection of yarns, they also carry needlepoint canvases and threads. I've gotten several reports of a staff that will ignore people unless one looks rich, so put on your sparklies and carry your best purse!

## **Bette Bornside Co.**

(504) 945-4069

2733 Dauphine St (Corner of Dauphine and St. Ferdinand in the Marigny)

New Orleans, LA

[www.bornsideyarns.com](http://www.bornsideyarns.com)

Store Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10-4, Wednesday 10-3, Saturday 10-3, closed Sunday.

Bette Bornside Company was established in 1986 as a retail mail order supplier of

medium-priced, quality yarns and accessories to knitters and crocheters. In 1991, Bette expanded to include a retail shop in the Faubourg Marigny, a historic district in New Orleans, adjacent to the French Quarter. Bette has a loyal following in New Orleans and a reputation for helpfulness, so stop by if you get a chance!

### **Needle Arts Studio**

(504) 832-3050

115 Metairie Rd # B

Metairie, LA

Store Hours: Weekdays 10-4, Saturday 10-3, Closed Sunday.

This store carries a large selection of needlepoint canvases and fibers. They also carry some knitting materials as well. They are just down the street from my favorite needlework store Acadian Corner!

### **Acadian Corner**

(504) 835-9888

1513 Metairie Rd.

Metairie, LA 70005-3938

[www.acadiancorner.com](http://www.acadiancorner.com)

Store Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 3pm, Closed Sunday & Monday

This store is my personal favorite. They carry only cross-stitch, which makes them a rare find! They have a large variety of booklets, fabric, kits, charms, and buttons. Additionally, they have a good selection of New Orleans and Mardi Gras themed patterns. The store is run by an 8 year old Yorkie, Amber Jane, with help from her human companions Michele, Georgia and Louis. I have always received great help and attention here. Plus, they do their own framing! I have had several pieces framed by them and they did a great job!