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Our Mission Is Material: SPARE Opens in San Anselmo

New nonprofit creative reuse store brings sustainability, fabric, and hands-on shopping back to Marin

San Anselmo, CA — **SPARE (Sustainable Provisions for Arts, Reuse & Enrichment)** officially opened its doors on September 26, 2025 at 324 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, offering Marin a new kind of creative reuse store — one that combines the best of the Bay Area’s reuse centers with the feel of a traditional fabric and craft shop.

Inspired by the thriving creative reuse movement across the Bay Area and responding to the loss of local fabric stores, SPARE fills a gap for affordable, high-quality craft, art, and sewing supplies. Shoppers will find new and gently used items priced at 30–60% off retail, including fabrics, yarn, paints, paper, and tools, all curated for quality and usability.

“We wanted SPARE to be more than just a place to offload your extra supplies,” said founder Mena Lazar. “It’s about keeping materials circulating locally, offering a better shopping experience, and reducing our dependence on imported goods and rising costs. This kind of retail — rooted in sustainability, local sourcing, and real human interaction — isn’t just nostalgia, it’s the future. People are ready to step away from endless online carts and go back to shopping where they can touch materials, talk to neighbors, and know their dollars stay in the community.”

Lazar, who helped launch one of the first blogging services, is now channeling that early-internet community experience into SPARE.

SPARE celebrated its ribbon-cutting with the Town of San Anselmo and is laying the groundwork to become a vibrant community space for workshops, skill-sharing, and creative collaboration. The store is volunteer-run and is now a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Current Hours:

Tuesday–Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday–Saturday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

More information on donating, volunteering, and shopping can be found at sparecrafts.org.

“Shopping SPARE supports the circular economy and keeps creative materials accessible to everyone,” Lazar added. “We’re excited to see what Marin can make with what we’ve saved.”

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