



KG Bytes

FibreFest 2020

Support our Designers

We're encouraging all members to knit or crochet an item designed by an Australian designer and/or using some wonderful Australian yarn. The Guild has many members who have designs available so please consider supporting one of your fellow members when making your choice.

KNITTING

Sarah Boulter -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/sarah-boulter>

Robynn-El Ross -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/robynn-el-ross>

Daphne Ferguson -

<https://sipknityarn.com/collections/rug-patterns-digital-download>

Clare Hacker - <https://www.ravelry.com/designers/clare-singline>

Debra Kinsey -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/debra-kinsey-knits>

Teresa Morey -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/teresa-morey>

Dominique Trad -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/dominique-trad>

Kathryn Trippett -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/kathryn-trippett-the-australian-wool-store>

CROCHET

Mae Matthews -

<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/mae-m>

TUNISIAN CROCHET

Abbey Bongers -

<https://www.ravelry.com/bundles/abbeymades-tunisian-crochet-patterns>

Crochet A Nurse

Head over to Ravelry to download a beautiful free pattern to crochet a Frontline Hero Bear!

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/frontline-hero-bear>



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More Useful Free Websites

Create your own shawl patterns with this 1-page 'cheat sheet' which provides the formulas you need and row-by-row instructions for knitting 5 different shapes: square, circular, triangular, semi-circular, and heart-shaped. Download the instructions here: <http://bit.ly/shawlshapes>

Need some new stitch ideas? Knittingfool.com has hundreds of stitch patterns grouped and sorted in various ways – number of stitches in pattern repeat, row count, appearance (eg cable, chevron, drop stitch etc) and alphabetical listing. Visit their website: <https://www.knittingfool.com/Pages/Stitches.aspx>

Have you tried Bellish? Design your own sweaters, using a free knitting pattern generator – and they've recently added beanies too. You can find all the details at: www.bellish.co

Knitters Wanted

We've had a request from someone who would like a **knitted dressing gown**, with shawl collar, in wool, cashmere or alpaca (or a combination). She has a design but no pattern.

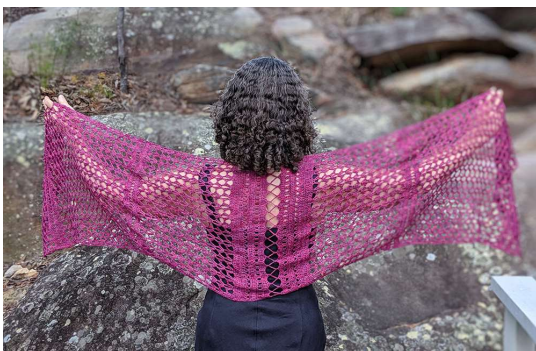
Would any of you be willing to help someone in Enmore **repair a hole** in a knitted wool jumper?

And a Chatswood resident is desperate to learn how to **sew squares together** to make a blanket, as she can't currently attend a meeting for help.

If you'd like to assist any of these people, please contact the President and she will put you in touch.

Crocheters Wanted

One of our Members, Jenny Whiting from the West Ryde Group, has written a pattern for a beautiful shawl. She'd really appreciate volunteers to test crochet it for her. Please email her at jennymarjen@gmail.com if you'd enjoy helping her.



WWKIP Day

This year's World Wide Knit in Public Day is officially on Saturday 13 June and the Guild had planned to hold a big event at the Powerhouse Museum, which of course had to be cancelled. Since we're all now allowed to meet outside in small groups, some of you may have plans to meet up with friends in public spaces. If you do, please send us your photos of how you celebrated the day. And we're hoping to host a WWKIP Day later in the year to which you are of course all invited.

Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair

This annual fair, held at Darling Harbour, had inevitably to be postponed from its June 2020 dates but Expertise Events have now announced that they hope to hold it from 29 October – 1 November.

New Collective Nouns!

From Pat McGregor – Pittwater Group.

We have now circulated our 4th newsletter full of amazing Show and Tell and information. We also announced the results of a competition we ran to find out the most popular collective noun for those who knit and crochet. We asked for suggestions and then put those to a vote of our members. The results were:

A Cast of Knitters and A Crew of Crocheters

The winners received Spotlight vouchers.

The newsletter is proving a great way for Pittwater members to stay in touch in these strange times.

Interesting Fact

Queen Victoria was a keen crocheter. Melissa Russell (Newcastle) has sent us an interesting article and photos from Talking Crochet about the Queen's love of crocheting.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/queencrochet>

Guild Cruise 2020

Sadly, due to the extension of Government restrictions on cruise travel until 17 September 2020, the Guild Cruise won't be able to go ahead this year. Everyone who booked should have received an official notification from P&O and/or their travel agent.

Merrin Marks

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Knittingale Hospital

The National Health Service in the UK has built 4 new field hospitals, named Nightingale Hospitals, to help deal with the overwhelming demand during the Covid-19 crisis. One enterprising 91 year old knitter in Norfolk, Margaret Seaman, has created her own **Knittingale Hospital**. Find the story and pictures here:

<https://tinyurl.com/knittingale>

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