



KGBytes

News From The Groups

Macarthur: Everyone is doing well here in Macarthur with our "Virtual Show & Tell" ... up to #4 now and phoning each other for "Crafty Chats"!!!

Pittwater: We have now produced three newsletters for distribution to Pittwater members to coincide with the days when we would have met. They are full of information and lots of show and tell and this month we have a competition too. At home we are still working hard at producing or finishing projects for home and charity.

The Guild is aware of several Groups hosting Zoom meetings (see the list below). If you'd like to join one of these, contact the Group Convenor – their details may be found on the Guild website under the Locations tab.

Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Epping, Inner City,
Ku-ring-gai, Mid-North Coast, Queanbeyan,
West Ryde, Woy Woy

FibreFest 2020

We hope many of you have found a pattern from an Australian designer and/or some wonderful Australian yarn to produce something beautiful for this year's FibreFest. The Guild has many members with designs available online and we're putting together a directory, so that we can all support their work and talent. If you're one of those members, do please let us know and we'll publish a complete list in the next issue of KGBytes on 1 June.

Also, remember that submissions for the design of our next FibreFest bag are due by 31 May. We look forward to seeing your ideas.



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Children's Blankets

We had a lot of interest in the request from the Aboriginal Health Worker at Randwick and Westmead Children's Hospitals for teddies and blankets. Perhaps some of you may be willing to knit or crochet squares which a Guild member has very kindly offered to sew together. Please use 8ply yarn in either yellow, black or red, and 4mm needles or a 4mm hook, to the following patterns:

Knitted Squares:

Cast on 3 stitches, leaving a long tail of yarn for sewing up.

1st Row: K1, kfb, K1

2nd Row: K1, kfb, knit to end of row

Repeat 2nd Row until there are 60 stitches on the needles.

Next Row: K1, K2tog, knit to end of row.

Repeat last row until there are 3 stitches on the needles. Cast off, leaving a long tail of yarn.

Crocheted Squares:

Square must measure 18cm x 18cm so you may need to adjust hook size. Do 2 rows first then check measurement. Stitch is half treble into the back loops.

Chain 30.

Row 1: Half treble into 3rd chain from hook. Half treble into back loops along row, 2ch and turn.

Row 2: Half treble along row into back loops of stitch, 2ch and turn.

You should have 28 stitches each row with the 2 chains counting as the 1st stitch of each row.

Repeat Row 2 to required length of 18cm. Leave long tail for sewing together.



If you know of any charities looking for handmade creations at the moment, do please let us know.

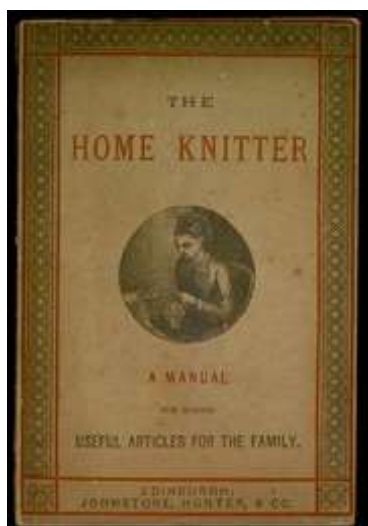
An Interesting Fact

For the first four or five hundred years of knitting's history, the most common knitting materials were cotton and silk, not wool.

Richard Rutt

Richard Rutt was born in 1925 and was a former Anglican Bishop of Leicester before becoming a Catholic priest. His knitting knowledge was legendary and he wrote 'A History of Hand Knitting' which was published in 1987 (Batsford Press). After his death in 2011, his works and extensive library of knitting books were donated to the Winchester School of Art (part of Southampton University, UK), where they are displayed alongside the works of Montse Stanley and Jane Waller. Many of his 19th century and early 20th century books have been digitised and are fascinating (and free) to browse.

<https://archive.org/details/victorianknittingmanuals>



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Teaching Knitting

On Saturday 30 May at 11.00am, the Guild is hosting a talk and discussion via Zoom about teaching people to knit. If you would be interested in joining this free event, please register before 25 May with Julie Hogan, at: Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au

(Another) Scarf Stitch

Thank you to Maureen North (Pittwater) for contributing this stitch – it lies flat, is reversible and not a boring knit!

Cast on a multiple of 4 stitches + 1.

Row 1 (right side): [purl 1, yarn over, knit 3 together, yarn over], repeat brackets to the last stitch, purl 1.

Row 2 (wrong side): [knit 1, purl 3], repeat brackets to the last stitch, knit 1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for required length. Cast off.



More Free Useful Websites

Graph paper is a very useful tool for a budding designer but remember that most knitting and crochet stitches aren't square so using normal graph paper will result in a distorted knitted image. Download and print graph paper for knitters at <http://www.theknittingsite.com/knitting-graph-paper/>

KnitBird is software for designing knitting charts. It offers a variety of tools to make it easier for you to put your ideas in a chart, and then to make it real in your knitwear. Visit www.knitbird.com