



KG Bytes

Group Events

Blacktown

8 February: Our workshop for February is to learn **tuck stitch**. You will need 2 different colours of 8 ply yarn and 4 mm circular needles (40 cm, or longer if you want to use the magic loop to knit in a circle). Further instructions are posted on Facebook - Knitters' Guild NSW - Blacktown Group.

Crochet Turramurra

5 February: Project is a Frilly Cowl. Bring 3 or 4 colours of yarn and a hook to suit.

Epping

3 February: This is our first monthly formal meeting for 2020.

Inner West

20 January: Our January meeting will focus on our proposed speakers and activities for the group in 2020, and the goals of individual group members for the year. All are welcome as always!

Kiama

18 January: We will discuss our program for the upcoming year. As I am sure is the case with all Guild members, our thoughts go to those effected by these terrible bushfires. I am certain there are many of us sorting through our "stashes" for wool to provide to those who are in need of the magic therapy of holding yarn and needles or hooks.

Ku-ring-gai

20 January: Our January meeting will be held on the third Monday as the fourth Monday is the Australia Day public holiday. We will be discussing our calendar for 2020.

Macarthur

13 and 25 January: Catch up Chat - Knitting & Crocheting

10 and 22 February: Make a crochet coat hanger cover with Del.

Pittwater

21 January: We plan a show of WIPs and a Join-a-Long of charity knee blankets members have been creating in the past months.

4 February: Help Day, problem solving and UFOs.

Queanbeyan

8 February: After setting our knitting and crochet goals for 2020 at the January 11 meeting, at our February meeting we will have a session on how we can use the new version of the Knit Companion app, presented by one of our members.

Woy Woy

18 January: We will be learning how to make mitred squares. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you want to participate, please bring 2 different colours of yarn and a pair of needles.

Name Your Magazine

Since as long as the Guild has published a magazine, it's been called the Guild Magazine. We think it's about time it got a proper name. So we're asking all members to help us find a suitable one. Come up with some ideas, either individually or make them a Group entry, and we'll ask members to vote for their favourite. Submit your ideas to the President by Thursday 20 February, the Executive will choose half a dozen (after checking whether the name is being used elsewhere in

the world) and we'll then ask members to vote. We hope to announce the winning name at the AGM on 2 May. We suggest you keep the name short and sweet; as examples, the Knitting and Crochet Guild in the UK calls their magazine "Slipknot" and the Knitting Guild Association in the USA uses "Cast On". There will be prizes for the winning entry. Do discuss this at your next Group meeting, and please remember that the Guild represents crocheters as well as knitters.

Renewals

Don't forget to renew your membership by 31 January. After that date, you will be charged an additional late payment fee of \$10.

Bushfire Relief

There are a number of charities looking for items for animals but we would recommend you visit the Animal Rescue Craft Guild here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arfsncrafts/>

We realise that many of you may not be on Facebook but would suggest you ask a friend or member of your Group to access this Facebook group for information as we found it to be the most comprehensive and useful site. They are not only totally up-to-date about what is required and where, but have patterns (knitted, sewn and crocheted) for every item that is needed.

The State Library of NSW has invited knitters to make pouches for wildlife injured in the bushfires. We are all invited to the library on Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th January from 12-2pm in the Macquarie Room of the library. Bring your own 8ply wool and 4mm needles. (Pure wool only, please).

The Guild has over 80 blankets ready to be sent to evacuation centres as they're required but we're currently being advised by the charities that they are not necessary at the moment. As soon as they're needed, we'll ensure they are sent to help. However, as much as we all like to contribute by putting our knitting and crocheting skills to good use, the charities are really stressing that their major need is MONEY.

WHAT WE NEED THE MOST

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● VERY HIGH NEED ● HIGH NEED ● MODERATE NEED ✓ NO NEED

● JOEY POUCHES XXS-M ● HANGING POUCHES

● JOEY POUCHES M-XXL ● 3D HANGING POUCHES

● BIRD/RODENT NESTS ● BLANKETS

✓ KOALA MITTENS ● KITTEN ONESIES

● BAT WRAPS ● ANIMAL SWEATERS

● FLAT BAT WRAPS ● POSSUM/BIRD BOXES

● DONATIONS for supplies & postage

CHECK FILES SECTION FOR APPROVED PATTERNS

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FibreFest 2020 Accessory

If you're working on a design for this year's FibreFest accessory (shawl, scarf or cowl – knitted or crocheted), please remember that this must be submitted to us by 15 February. We're REALLY looking forward to seeing your ideas!

Dates for your Diary

Bookings for further workshops in 2020 will open in the next few weeks. Do remember that places in the workshops fill very quickly – our last 2 workshops sold out in 5 days! Look out for full details in future issues of KGBytes.

29 February – Group Information Day, held at SMSA in Pitt Street, from 11am. Two or three members are invited to attend from each group. Please let Luke, our Secretary, know the names of those attending.

14 March – Yarn Tasting, 10.30-2.30pm, at SMSA. \$5 per person, book via Guild website.

2 May – Annual General Meeting, 11.00am in the Mitchell Theatre at SMSA, followed by refreshments and a presentation by Nick Bradford from Nundle Woollen Mills.

13 June – World Wide Knit in Public Day, 12.00-4.00pm at the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo. Free entry, refreshments, competitions and prize draws.

17-21 June – Sydney Craft & Quilt Show, Darling Harbour, which this year has a dedicated 'Yarn and Fibre' section.

Hints & Tips

Crochet Tip (submitted by Diane Scaysbrook)

Use a larger size hook for the starting chain row and then switch back to the original size in the pattern; the garment or square will be nice and even.

Knitting Tip (submitted by Eleanor Spurr)

When knitting your button-band, make buttonholes on both sides. This is particularly useful if you're knitting for a baby and don't yet know the gender, but also helps to ensure that the buttons are added in exactly the right places – just sew them over the holes created on one side of the band.