



# KG Bytes

## The Big Wool Show (17-20 July 2020)

If you're missing the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show this year, there is an online show taking place to try to fill the gap.

*"Grab a cuppa, tune in, and enjoy The Big Wool Show right from your living room!*

*Over four huge days in July, tune in and join us for a knit-a-long, brush up on your skills with our Masterclasses, and go shopping with your favourite stallholders."*

For all details, go to [www.thebigwoolshow.com](http://www.thebigwoolshow.com)

## Knitting for Charity

We've recently heard of another wonderful charity which would really appreciate your knitting and crochet skills.

The Aboriginal Health Worker, Palliative Care and Chronic and Complex Needs, at both Westmead and Randwick Children's Hospitals is desperately in need of Teddies and Blankets for the children in their care. This is an on-going need. It would be appreciated if the items were made in the Aboriginal colours of red, yellow and black. The blanket sizes they require are:

Cribs: 80 x 60cm

Cots: 135 x 115cm

Beds: 160 x 120cm

These should be sent to:

Tanya Quinn

Aboriginal Health Unit

Westmead Children's Hospital

Cnr Hawksbury Road and Hainsworth Street

Westmead NSW 2145

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

## Annual General Meeting

The Guild's Annual General Meeting was scheduled to take place tomorrow (2 May) but has obviously had to be postponed. We're currently hoping to hold it in September. Full details will be provided nearer the date.

## Teaching Knitting

Have you ever been asked to teach someone to knit? Or been approached by an LYS or college to run a knitting class? The internet is full of conflicting and confusing advice about where to start.

The Guild is running an online talk and discussion group to help you navigate this with less trepidation! Sally Ogilvie has taught knitting at Sydney Community College for the last 4 years and is happy to share with you what she has found to work ..... and what doesn't.

If you'd like to take part in this free event, to be held on Saturday 30 May at 11.00am via Zoom, please email our Workshop Convenor, Julie, at [workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au) to book your place. Bookings close on 25 May. If you haven't used Zoom before, don't panic – it's very easy and full instructions will be sent to you.

## An Interesting Fact

During the Second World War in the 1940s, interest in continental knitting (or knitting with the yarn in one's left hand) decreased because of its origins in Germany, while English knitting (or knitting with the yarn in the right hand) rose in popularity. Its reintroduction into the United States is most often associated with Elizabeth Zimmerman.

## Knit A Nurse

This is a beautiful little doll, suggested by Maureen North (Pittwater). We love the ones she made! For the free pattern visit:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/nurse-mates>



## (VERY) Useful Websites

You want to use lots of colours to produce stripes of varying widths. What will they look like? Play around with the colours at:

[http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe\\_maker.php](http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe_maker.php)

Your brain can't quite work out how to reduce or increase a number of stitches across one row. Try

<https://www.worldknits.com/knitting-calculators>

Instead of spending hours searching the internet for a basic pattern for a beanie, pair of socks or sweater in the size you require, use this website to generate the instructions in the size and gauge you need: <https://biscotteyarns.com/pages/custom-knitting-patterns-by-biscotte-yarns>

You've found the perfect pattern but the yarn stipulated isn't available. What can you substitute? Try this yarn substitution site:

<https://yarnsub.com/yarns>

## Another Scarf Stitch

Gerri Ricci, from our Blacktown Group, has suggested another great stitch pattern for scarves. It lies flat, is totally reversible and very easy to memorise.

Cast on an **ODD** number of stitches, divisible by 4 plus 1 (ie 21, 25 etc). Every row: \*K2, P2\* to last stitch, K1.



## Reducing Your Stash

Maybe you're using your time at home to sort out that stash which has accumulated faster than you can knit? If you have any yarn you really no longer want or like, do think about donating it to your local aged-care home where residents are particularly isolated with no trips out of the home and few or no visitors. Just phone your local facility to see if they'd find it useful.

## Increasing Your Stash

Now that you've made space in your stash for more yarn, PLEASE buy it from one of our Retail Members. Their details are on our website and you'll find a complete list in the May issue of our quarterly magazine, A Good Yarn. They've always supported the Guild – now it's up to us to support them.

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