



KGBytes

New Guild Members

A warm welcome to our new Members

Blacktown Bianca Boon	Southern Christine Wiltshier
Epping Ellie Watson	The Entrance Sue Allen Robyn Leech
Goulburn Jan Spencer	Virtual Sara Shaw
Inner City Gabrielle Weidemann Kathryn Dalton	West Ryde Cheryl Dolan
Interstate Jenny Brown Maree Jordan Cara Ramson	Woy Woy Kate McGrath
Mid North Coast Sandy Polhill Todd Lynch	

A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error, please contact membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Guild Badges

Every member is given a Guild badge showing the member's name and group. If you've been a member for more than 3 months and haven't yet received one, do tell your Group Convenor and they'll submit an order to the Guild for one to be made for you. We're also now distributing Guild Lanyards, available from your Convenor, so that you don't have to pin your badge into your beautiful handmades.

Save The Dates!

Sunday 13th October **FibreFest 2024**
Wyong Racecourse

Guild Gathering – 2024

140 of us gathered over the weekend of 2nd-4th August for this year's Guild Gathering – it was noisy, very busy and great fun, with 17 workshops, mini help desks, yoga, competitions, prize draws, three Guild vendors, a huge Show and Tell, and a lot of laughs. We must thank all those volunteers who made this possible, particularly those who gave up their time to teach, those who arrived early to set up the venue and those who ran around all weekend moving furniture! And a huge thank you to the Retail Members who generously donated prizes (and we do apologise if we've omitted anyone) – Bumblebee Knits and Yarns, Castle Handmade, Glenheavenknits, Obsession Yarns, Tarndwarncourt and This Lush Corner. Our members love to win prizes! As these weekends have to be booked so far in advance, it won't be long before we announce the date for the next Gathering to take place in 2026. As soon as you receive it, put it in your diary! This is a not-to-be-missed event.

Calling Group Convenors, Secretaries and Treasurers

I would like to add more user-friendly text to the website which explains to our members more about the roles you play within your Groups. Presently, we have the Office Bearer's Procedures and Responsibilities download as the only information on the website. After Ku-ring-gai group was closed down due to lack of volunteers, I feel it is important we express to members the benefits and value of volunteering in a way that will encourage more to give it a go. Can you help me with this?

President Sally Ogilvie said she can run a Zoom meeting for this purpose on the evening of Monday 21st October at 7.30pm. If you can attend, please email me your RSVP so we can let you know the zoom meeting details. If you are not able to attend but are willing to talk to me about your experience in your role and how you manage your duties; I am happy to chat with you on the phone.

Email Annabelle Drumm
secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

GROUP CONVENORS/SECRETARIES – Please don't forget to take a printed copy of KGBytes to your next Group meeting so that those members who don't have computer access may be kept informed.



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5 Free Double Passes To Be Won!



We have double passes to be won to see the film, Thelma, due for general release around Australia on 5 September. The film tells the story of 93-year-old Thelma Post who gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, and she then sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her.

To be in the draw for these 5 prizes, email your answer to the following question to editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au by 5th September. The draw will take place on 6th September, winners notified and digital tickets sent by email as soon as possible afterwards.

What is the name of the actress who plays the title role of Thelma?

Patterns for FibreFest 2024

This year's patterns for FibreFest have been released. Both are available free from Ravelry



Knit - I'm sorry, I slipped (Fibrefest 2024)



Crochet - Wave to Me (Fibrefest 2024)

Click on photos for links to Ravelry pages

Calling All Guild Pattern Designers

We have managed to reserve a stall for Designers within the Guild to exhibit their designs at FibreFest on Sunday 13th October 10am - 3pm at Wyong Racecourse. If you are interested in promoting your wares, contact me asap to reserve your spot and to discuss how the festival visitors can connect to your design pages online.

Email Annabelle Drumm

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News from the Groups

Group news submissions - If you have an event or meeting you would like to promote, please submit it no later than 24th of each month to the Guild Secretary secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au
We reserve the right to edit these entries
Early adherence to the submission date is encouraged.
Any late submissions will be omitted.

Capital Region Sat 14th 1.30pm

Our regular meeting will be held on Saturday 14th September at Chifley Community Centre 70m Maclaurin Crescent Chifley. This will be our annual Destash meeting where members bring along yarn they no longer love as well as books, equipment and notions for knitting and crochet for other eager members to purchase, at excellent prices. The aim is to take home less than you bring but this is not always successful. There will be the usual show and show and afternoon tea as well as time for working on current projects and checking out the latest additions to the Library.

Christianna Cobbold, Convenor

Inner City Sat 14th 11am

Inner City Group meets on 2nd Saturday of every month from 11-1 at Cliff Noble Community Centre 24 Suttor St Alexandria. Our next meeting will be held on 14th September when we will be planning our entries for next years Royal Easter Show. For tips and inspiration from past winners or just to share your own plans and ideas please come along.

Jo and Kaye Co Convenors

The Entrance Sat 7th 1pm

Please join us on Saturday 7th September for our regular meeting. Sue will be ready for our usual Tai Chi warm up. There is always time to share our wonderful achievements and enjoy time to relax and work on our current project. This Saturday Angela from 'Set on Sewing and Craft' at Toukley will be showcasing her store and sharing her story. Angela will also have some of her yarn to add to your stash. Caroline, from our group will be showing us how to dye yarn using jelly crystals ... let the magic

happen ! Two lucky ladies will be taking home some unbleached yarn to make colour magic at home. We meet at 12:30 for a 1:00 pm start at The Anglican Church, Tyrell Place. Killarney Vale. Crafting is always about sharing what we have done, but we are never too old to learn new tricks. We will invite those members who were at the 'Gathering' to share some highlights. Try and join us for our coffee catch on the third Wednesday of the month at the Roasted Berry, Mingara Recreational Club. Our September get together will be 18th at 10:00am. See you there.

Prue Smee, Convenor

Members' News

A long-standing Guild member forwarded on the following for inclusion in KGBytes. Members are more than welcome to send contributions in a similar vein. The deadline for such contributions is as for Group news submissions.

Hello Guild,

I have been a member of the Inner City Group almost since its inception in 2005. My first beanie design pattern "The Trellis Beanie" has just been published in a paperback book on Amazon titled "The Year of Hats"!! [Over] is a flyer advertising the book highlighting my design... Proceeds of the sales are going to the Block Island Wildlife Conservancy which is a not-for-profit agency protecting migratory birds and wildlife on Block Island, Rhode Island, USA. I belong to the Block Island Knitwear Collective, created by Deborah Newton, renowned knitwear designer and we meet annually to design knitwear and learn these skills....

Best wishes

Katherine Gardner (Ireland)

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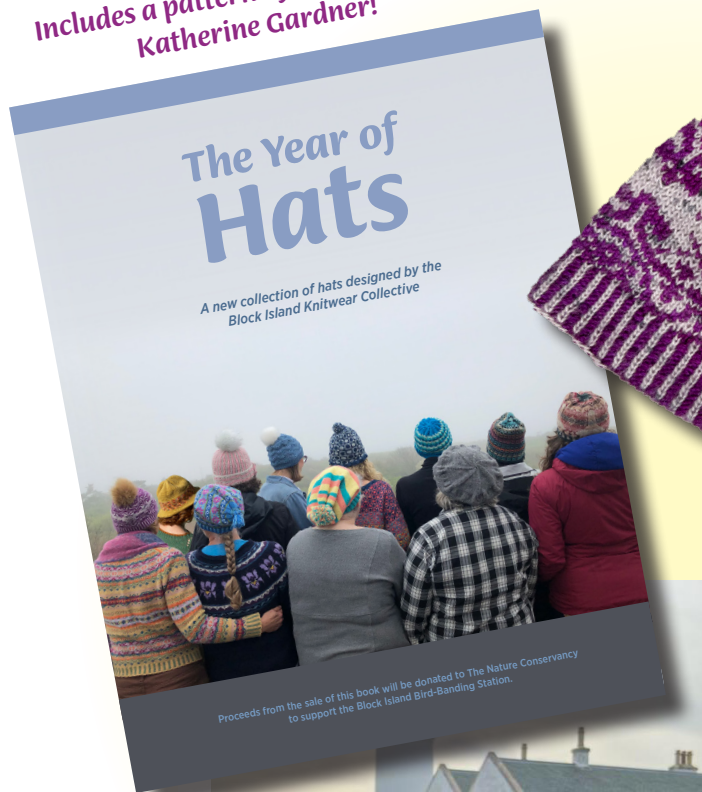
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The Year of Hats

A new collection of hats designed by the Block Island Knitwear Collective

All profits from the sale of this book will be donated to The Nature Conservancy's Block Island Bird-banding Station in Rhode Island, USA.

Includes a pattern by local designer Katherine Gardner!



Discover the Block Island Knitwear Collective through this book featuring 11 new, original designs. Each designer in this group of talented students from Deborah Newton's Knitwear Design Workshop has created a unique hat inspired by Block Island. The collection consists mostly of knitted hats (including a beret!) but also features a brimmed cotton summer sun hat worked in crochet. Using yarns ranging from fingering to bulky weights, these hats showcase a wide variety of techniques, including colorwork and mosaic knitting.

Whether you prefer sophisticated single-color designs, or multicolored creations employing slipped stitches or stranded knitting, you're certain to discover hats in this collection that suit your style.



Order Today on Amazon!



Trellis Beanie

In Fingering Yarn

Designer: Katherine Gardner
Ravelry: KatieKoo

Inspired by the weatherboard architecture of the houses on Block Island and the decorative trimming on the rooftop edges, the Trellis Beanie evokes grey faded timbers and the contrasting trellis design. It is reminiscent of Spring on Block Island as the contrasting colour evokes cherry blossoms. It is a unisex design and any contrasting colour or combination of colours can be used in fingering weight yarn. High-contrast colours are recommended in order for the pattern to pop!

SIZES

XSI (child), S (teen), M (women), L (men), to fit head circumference: 17 (19, 21, 23) in

HAT MEASUREMENTS

Circumference at lower edge: approx 16 (18, 20, 22) in, unstretched and unblocked.

Height, lower edge to tip: approx. 7 (8, 9, 10) in, unstretched and unblocked.

MATERIALS

Yarn

Approximately 1/4 to 1/3 skein for each color of sock-weight (fingering/sock) yarn as follows. Slush-busting, leftover sock-yarn opportunities abound!

MC: Skinny Singles, from Hedgehog Fibres. Hand-dyed in Ireland, 100% merino wool, (400 m / 100 g) in Typewriter
CC: Tough Love Sock, from Sweet Georgia Yarns.

Hand-dyed in Canada, 80% superwash merino wool, 20% nylon, 388 m (425 yards) / 115 g (4 oz) in Grape Jelly

Needles

Circular needles, 3 mm, 16-in long, or size needed to achieve gauge

Four 3-mm dpns, or size to obtain given gauge.

Magic Loop technique or circular needle circumference to fit stitches comfortably (note: dpns or Magic Loop technique can be used throughout instead of circular needle, if desired)

Tools

Stitch markers: One to mark the BOR, and one for each chart pattern repeat which is 18 stitches wide repeated 7 (8, 9, 10) times depending on size (XS, S, M, L).

Post-it notes (or similar) to follow pattern line in colour charts.

Yarn needle for weaving in ends.

Bowl or balloon (inflated to desired size) to block hat after washing.

Wool wash

Scissors

GAUGE

In rib (K1, P1 two colour): 28 sts and 32 rows or rnds = 4-in square (unblocked) using 3-mm needles, or size needed to achieve gauge.

In two-colour SS chart pattern A or B, 32 sts and 36 rows or rounds = 4-in square (unblocked), using 3-mm needles, or size needed to achieve gauge.

To save time, take time to check your gauge.