



KGBytes

March 2025 - Issue 2

TWO ISSUES in March!

We have so much to report this month so we're bringing you a small extra issue of KGBytes.

FibreFest 2025 Patterns

Thank you to all of you who completed our survey to let us know what FibreFest patterns you'd like this year. The most popular choices were:

Knitting pattern – an intermediate level shawl or scarf, featuring textured knitting. Potentially including sections of cables and/or lace.

Crochet pattern – an intermediate level lace shawl or scarf.

Now we need the patterns! Are you a professional designer, or someone who likes to create your own garments? We'd love you to submit your ideas to us.

In the first instance, we're asking you to let us have your detailed plan – your written idea with a photo of your swatch, details of the yarn and a sketch, on one A4 page with your name and contact details, preferably in a PDF format. Please submit these to the Secretary by 12 April.

After the Committee Meeting on 16 April, the two winners will be notified and asked to have the patterns ready for testing by 21 May. The Guild will organise a technical editor and test knitters. We hope to release the patterns to our members before the end of June so they can get knitting and crocheting in time to dazzle us all at FibreFest this year.

There are prizes to be won! We are giving a cash prize of \$200 each to the two winners, and at FibreFest prizes will be given to the best examples of these patterns worn by our members. The patterns will be available free of charge to members before FibreFest, which is being held on 28 September this year, but the designer may then use the patterns as s/he wishes.

So get out your needles and hooks and get planning. We look forward to hearing from many of you.



Photos, from top:

Crocheted Bag - Do Scaysbrooke. 2023

Crocheted Cowl - Ruth Buchanan. 2019

Knitted Shawl - Dominique Trad. 2018

A FibreFest pattern search on Ravelry will give you the links to all past patterns.



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Free 3 hour Tutorial for All Guild Members

A video - Knitting Surgery - has very kindly been given to the Guild by Maryna at the 10 Rows A Day Club, a wonderful resource for all knitters, and it's available on our website until the end of December.

In this hands-on workshop, you'll conquer your fear of dropped stitches and cutting through a knitted fabric. The skills that you will develop during this class will help you to make radical changes to your finished projects - cut your sweaters to turn them into cardigans, and shorten or lengthen sweaters, hats, scarves and other knitted garments. By the end of the workshop, you will have a perfect understanding of the structure of the knitted fabric, and you will learn to make informed decisions when you are about to modify your finished projects.

To view this tutorial, visit the Guild website :

<https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/videos/10-rows-a-day-knitting-surgery-class>

This is available only to members so you will then be asked to log in to get full access.

Membership of the 10 Rows a Day Club is free so pop over to their website and sign up for a weekly email with invaluable technique help. Or join the Club for a small fee and have access to all the written and recorded classes. Visit

<https://www.10rowsaday.com/club> for full details.

Test Knitters Required

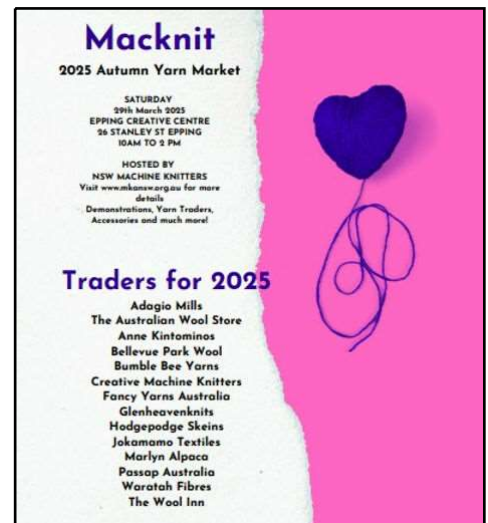
One of our members, Robynn Ross, is looking for test knitters for two very pretty Cowl patterns knitted in the round in 5 ply fair isle. (Use your colour palette.)

The Libby Cowl - 4 colours - 2 options of motif placement (vertical or alternate), 8 st repeat, double hem with picot edge top and bottom.

Dog Lover Cowl - 5 colours - hearts, bouncy balls, paw prints, dog bones, 2x2 ribbed edges in 2 colours.

Please contact Robynn for details. robynnelstudio@gmail.com

(Extra complementary pattern provided in gratitude.)



OPEN DAY at Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre

Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, embroidery, quilting, felting

Find out how to join and use the facilities, create with others, learn a new skill or exhibit your work.

Free Entry

Sunday 23 March

10.00 - 3.00pm

Matara Lane, Cremorne

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If you want to tell us of your group's events or activities, or are looking for test knitters, let us know by 24 March in plenty of time for our April issue, due out on the 1st.

Email the Guild Secretary please.