

Olive Pesto

We Make, Learn, Laugh and Share

OCTOBER ZOOM Meet-up

Our Olive Pesto group will meet via ZOOM
on Saturday 9 October from 10 am-12 noon

Join Zoom Meeting (click on link below)

Time: Oct 9, 2021 10:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

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[https://zoom.us/j/94773460464?](https://zoom.us/j/94773460464?pwd=a1ZhUzNublFBU3MyTGEwWnNvSFpoQT09)

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Meeting ID: 947 7346 0464

Passcode: 375306



Art work by Mel Drury

OLIVE PESTO COVID SAFE PLAN

We are in Lock-Down right now BUT

- ◆ When we can meet in person, there may be additional restrictions
- ◆ We will wait to hear from the Church COVID Reference Group before re-opening
- ◆ MASKS— Government guidelines say we need to wear masks while indoors. & outdoors
- ◆ Follow government guidelines if you have visited a Red or Orange Zone or a declared Exposure site, or have been in contact with a known COVID case.
- ◆ Go and get tested immediately and isolate until results.
- ◆ Pre- Registration to attend Olive Pesto is not necessary.
- ◆ Electronic sign-in using the QR Code. Assistance will be available.
- ◆ Hand sanitiser is provided.
- ◆ Subject to weather conditions we will allow good ventilation of the room.
- ◆ All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned before and after the session. Members are encouraged to assist .
- ◆ Tea and coffee will be available in a safe manner.

Hello dear Olive Pestovians,

Another month in lockdown and another Olive Pesto monthly meeting on Zoom. I hope you are staying creative. We look forward to seeing you and your latest projects or even a sneak view of your Emergence Exhibition item.

You can also join us every Friday at 3.30 for **Friday Knit and Natter** on zoom. You don't need to knit or crochet, you can just join us for a Natter. Please remember to post your finished projects on our Facebook page or patterns that you have enjoyed doing. We can highlight your work in the Newsletter.

Emergence Exhibition

We thought we would have an Olive Pesto group entry. Which would be some of the items we have been working on for KOGO once we emerge from lockdown and have some KOGO information/ statistics for visitors to the exhibition to read.. If you have some items you would like to add to the Olive Pesto entry, please contact either Leanne or Natalie

COVID Vaccination

Everyone has to make their own decision about vaccination. The Brunswick Uniting Church leaders are encouraging all who visit or participate in groups on the church site on Sydney Road to get their vaccination. The church has a COVID Reference group who are actively discussing this issue, basing any decisions on DHHS advice and guidance from the Uniting Church Synod (main body). We will keep Olive Pesto members informed via our Facebook page. We care for each other, our families, friends and community.

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Wrap with Love

I became aware of the Hamlin organisation and their hospital in Ethiopia many years ago when I attended my first **Wrap with Love KNIT IN** at the ABC studios in Ultimo, Sydney.

On that day, hundreds of women gathered in small circles knitting and piecing squares creating beautiful blankets of vibrant colours and textures. It was like watching waves ripple in a sea of colour as the ABC studios resounded with warmth and heart.

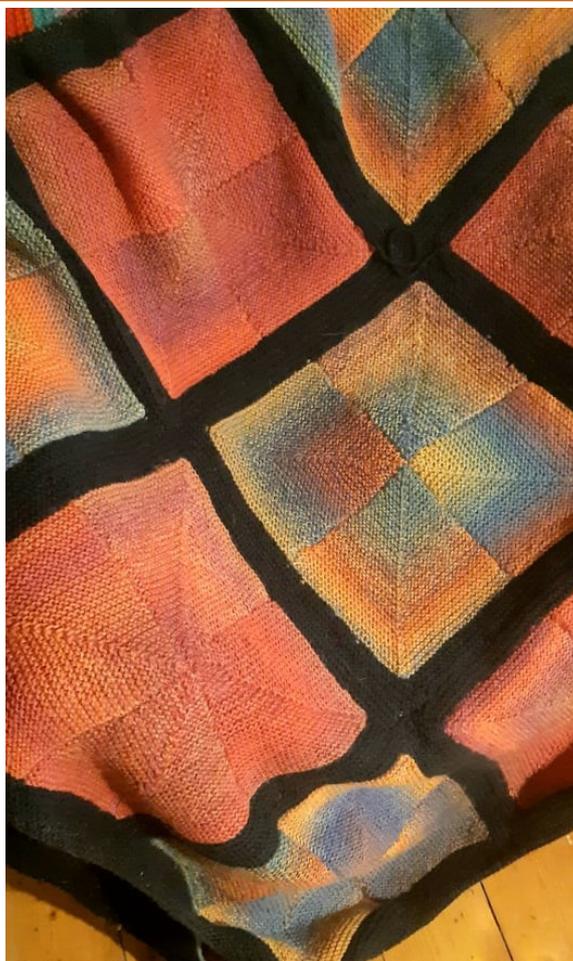
I was told the blankets were going to women in Ethiopia – to ‘a hospital by the river’ run by Australian doctors named Catherine and Reg Hamlin.

In rural Ethiopia, many women have little or no access to medical care during childbirth. For some a difficult labour leads to loss of their baby and others are left with a fistula, causing permanent incontinence. Pushed to the edge of society, these women are among the most marginalised in the world.

At the ‘hospital by the river’ these women receive free surgery, counselling, physiotherapy and loving care. The hand knitted blanket is significant as this is their ‘welcome’ gift and tells them that they are wrapped with LOVE by the women who have knitted and stitched each square.

Over 60,000 women have received free treatment and the network operates purely on philanthropic donations. For more information and photos, please visit <http://hamlin.org.au/>

The Hamlin organisation sells ethically made gifts from their online store. The proceeds support the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, helping to restore the lives of these brave, beautiful women.



(above—Ann’s basket)

I was so inspired by this incredible work by the Hamlin’s I contacted the organisation to offer my knitting skills in creating something simple yet special for their online store. I received an immediate response saying they were very low in stock on handmade blankets! So, my needles began clicking straight away. I have made the simple blanket from a free pattern on BWM website. I used 8 ply Bloom yarn and added a black border for strong contrast. It was a delight to knit but more importantly that the love in each stitch will go towards the support of this life-giving organisation. Please browse their website and join me in supporting the Hamlin Organisation.

Ann Lawrence

PATTERNS AND STITCHES

Lorraine was knitting some fingerless gloves with gusset thumb for KOGO on Friday Knit and Natter. Here are some patterns found on Pinterest.

<https://www.garnstudio.com/includes/pattern-print.php?id=6732&cid=19>

<https://www.canadianliving.com/home-and-garden/knitting-and-crochet/article/learn-how-to-knit-fingerless-mittens>

<https://www.yarnspirations.com/patons-fingerless-knit-gloves/PAK0115-012435M.html?cgid=2019-01-lookbook-stitchful->

[resolutions&utm_source=pinterest&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=StitchfulResolutions#start=12](https://www.yarnspirations.com/patons-fingerless-knit-gloves/PAK0115-012435M.html?cgid=2019-01-lookbook-stitchful-resolutions&utm_source=pinterest&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=StitchfulResolutions#start=12)

Here is a great beanie pattern to use with leftover, scraps and stash yarn. Glenice made the beanie

<https://pin.it/44jkDCp>

And here’s the slipped stitches VIDEO <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=y-qzereAca4&feature=youtu.be>

Remember that Bendigo Woollen Mills have lots of Free patterns

<https://www.bendigowoollenmills.com.au/free-patterns>

As do Australian Yarn Company <https://www.ausyarnco.com.au>

A Message to our Knitters from KOGO

If you are wondering what to knit, we would really appreciate...

- adult blankets (approximately 1.6m x 1.2m)
- fingerless gloves
- scarves
- newborn cardigans (not jumpers)



A Reminder from KOGO - safety for children

- SIDS recommend that toys **should not have plastic buttons or eyes** stitched to stuffed toys as they are a choke hazard for littlies.
- Please remember to **remove all pins**.
- We attach a KOGO label to each item individually, so recipients are aware that each piece has been made for them with love and care – so there is no need to label the items that you donate.

NOTICE BOARD

⇒ Our Facebook page

Share news and keep up to date via our Facebook page. Search and find 'Olive Pesto, Brunswick Uniting Church' and request to join. You will be asked several questions ahead of acceptance by the Administrator.

⇒ Friday Knit and Natter. All are Welcome to join us every Friday at 3.30 pm on Zoom.

We have special appearances from our furry friends and knitting companions.

⇒ <https://www.bevgarside.com/> Catch up on the amazingly creative work of Bev.

⇒ <https://mailchi.mp/iinet/september-2021-newsletter-2611244> KOGO latest Newsletter

⇒ Yarn—If you need some Bendigo woollen mill and can't wait for Australia Post, have a look at some of Bendigo's range at the Unwind Craft Cafe – Keilor east. They have click & collect if it's within your 15 km world. <https://unwindcraftcafe.com.au>

⇒ Do you have any Christmas projects you are working on. We would love to see either email them for next month's newsletter or post it on our Facebook page.

⇒ Bendigo Woollen Mills virtual agriculture show. Stay up-to-date with the winning entries via their Face Book page.

Christmas gift items.

⇒ Scarf Pins & Rings is a local small business, made in Beechworth. Join their email list to see weekly specials that are as low as \$20. <https://scarfpinsandrings.com/>

WHERE ARE YOUR PHOTOS?

PLEASE send in photos of the items you have completed or might be working on so everyone can enjoy and give praise! We will publish the photos in the monthly Newsletter. Post photos on the 'Olive Pesto, Brunswick Uniting Church' Facebook page or email to Natalie nataliepapworth@yahoo.com.au

(below) How it begins ... and the finished product. Natalie is crafting a bouquet of flowers .

(right) The start of a lovely blanket for KOGO by Natalie.



A sample of Glenice's beautiful Water Lily creation.



(right) Lorraine made these colourful fingerless gloves

