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NEWSLETTER

Olive Pesto

We Make, Learn, Laugh and Share

Artwork by Mel Drury

NEXT Meet-Up
Saturday 12th September
10am—12.00pm

In the Merri St Hall Brunswick Uniting Church
212 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Enter from Merri Street driveway.

Hello dear Olive Pestovians,

Spring has sprung. The months are going so fast.

What projects have you been working on? What are you planning on knitting or Crochet as the warmer month are coming. We would love to see them either email them for next month's newsletter or post it on our Facebook page.

Kogo needs items for their Baby packs and Blankets see below for more details. In Kogo's latest newsletter they also had an article on Hope in a suitcase. The article is below.

Craft & Quilt fair is on this weekend at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre South Wharf. Also looking forward to Selvedge & Skeins Destah Market on 27/9/26 at the Brunswick Town Hall More details below

I hope to see you on Saturday with your current project.

Best wishes
Natalie Papworth

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COVID SAFETY

Although government restrictions on the wearing of masks have been lifted for most settings, masks are strongly recommended in situations where physical distancing cannot be maintained, unless actually eating or drinking.

At Olive Pesto we are aware that some participants may not be vaccinated due to medial exemption.

Others have health vulnerabilities, so we try to be considerate and respectful of others.

Subject to weather conditions we will open the doors and windows to allow ventilation of the room.

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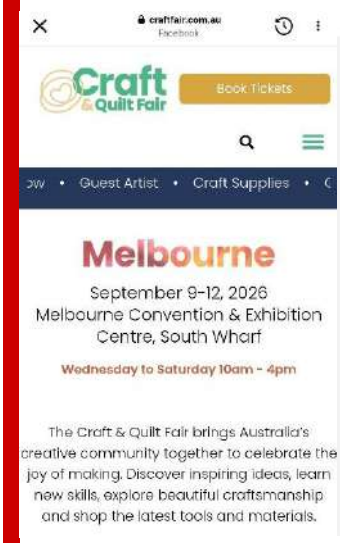
NOTICE BOARD

Friday Knit and Knatter Natalie continues to host Friday Knit and Knatter on Zoom. You do not need to knit or crochet. Just join us for a Knatter. Advice from experienced knitters is available if you need help with any of your knitting questions. So, if you are free on Fridays at 3.30 pm, please join us.

Recurring Zoom link https://zoom.us/j/93797233067?pwd=ZWluZ1pqREgvU2RFREgycm9vQXdEZz09.

What's On Craft markets& Events



Where do Your Donations go?

Hope in a Suitcase

Those of you who were at the 2025 Social Knitwork will remember the moving presentation given by Julie Armstrong from Hope in a Suitcase. We learnt that children often arrive at their new foster home with their belongings in a garbage bag, adding humiliation to an already distressing situation. Hope in a Suitcase, run by volunteers, is committed to equipping children entering foster care with their own suitcase full of practical and fun items. Thanks to your industry and generosity, KOGO is able to supply baby items, toys, mittens and scarves for their suitcases.

The caramel coloured bear in the blue jumper (pictured) is on its way to Hope in a Suitcase and ultimately into the hands of a small child in need. It is shown twice, first in the box it arrived in and then on a table with some other beautiful bears, all eagerly awaiting dispatch to Hope in a Suitcase.

If we could be so bold as to ask…

KOGO is so grateful for all donations.

We are in desperate need of adult blankets.

Pram blankets 75cm x 75cm

Cot blanket 1m x 1.2m.

Adult blanket 1.2m x 1.6m

WE CAN'T KEEP UP! CAN YOU HELP US CATCH UP?

Right now, KOGO is seeing more requests than we can fill for the item's babies need most:

Baby sets: matching beanie + cardigan combos Cot blankets: soft, warm and snuggly

Toys: something small to hold onto.

Every stitch you make goes straight to a vulnerable family, a newborn in a refuge, a baby starting life without enough warmth around them. That's the difference your hands can make. You don't need to be a pro, just someone willing to cast on and give a little time. Grab your needles or hook, pick a pattern, and help us fill our shelves.

Use your favourite patterns or click on the link below for

Suggestions : **https://www.kogo.org.au/patterns**

For a list of other items, we would love to receive, refer to our website KOGO

Kogo donations from last month's Olive Pesto Meeting