

# WISH

Winter Edition No 22



# BRRRR.....

Welcome to the winter issue. These months are not always an easy time for some of us. However with the colder weather brings an opportunity to get involved in a new project or two. This issue the group has some really exciting creations to share & new ideas to get people going.

As Janet wrote at the end of the last issue, the WISH profile on Kaffe Fasset inspired Skye Quilters to create a piece based on his design. The excellent results are included in the following pages. A profile is a good opportunity to share with WISH members someone who we might not be aware of but can gain a lot from. Seeing someone's story & process can be helpful in recognising what is possible to achieve ourselves. Get your thinking cap on a see if there is someone you would like to share, it could of course include yourself!

The group would love to hear your comments on the articles within. Hearing each other's thoughts is what can really help motivate and encourage, so don't be shy! Comments sent in will be included here in the next issue.





# Muriel's Blankets

With winter on its way, now is maybe the time to start knitting blankets. They keep you warm while you are knitting and warm when you have finished. I thought I would share one or two ideas with you.

I have been knitting bed sized blankets using any wool that I could find. I added strands of thin wool together so that I ended up with a chunky thickness and by changing the strands I could change the colour effect. I knit the squares in K1 P1 rib and then when I assembled them I laid them in different directions giving a chequered pattern from the rib. You can make the squares any size you want, I made 8 inch squares and made 56 of them. When they were finished, I sewed them together and then crocheted a border around the edge to give the blanket a firm edge, ribbed knitting is very stretchy. To make sure the edge was even I picked up the same number of crochet stitches from the edge of every square. I worked 1 round of double crochet, 1 round of trebles and a final round of double crochet.

If the idea of a blanket seems too ambitious, how about trying a cushion cover? Make 8, 9 inch squares and sew 4 together for the top and 4 for the bottom. You could sew a large button in the centre over the join if you wish.

For a more ambitious project, I made a knee blanket for an old lady, 3 foot by 4 foot. Again I used odds of wool in creams and browns. I used smaller squares and tried to make each square look like it had a border around it. I made half the squares in plain knit and half with aran style patterns over them. I then decorated the plain squares with embroidery, old buttons and old beads. I finished with a crochet edge again to give a firm border. If you fancy having a go at something like this, you could start by working on a cushion cover.

Whatever you decide to do, HAPPY KNITTING!



# Jays Figure & Masks



The picture was made using a piece of plywood covered in torn out old pages of Katie a little girl who lives on an island with her family- even as an adult I loved these books- The knitting + figure shape were all made individually & attached to background & plywood, eventually taking shape in my interpretation of me as an infant school child.

Most of it was knitted seperatly or made then partly attached, then padded as required. This is my fininished portrait, I'm not good at knitting but this gave me confidence & encouraged me to try different things, its not expensive - all wood scrap left from other projects. Eyes from pound shop. The padding was from a left over project. Figure was sown with wood, lace & blouse. The Book was 20p at charity shop, it was very very damaged but ideal for this project. With the parts I've saved they are ok to tell another story- Jay aged 5!

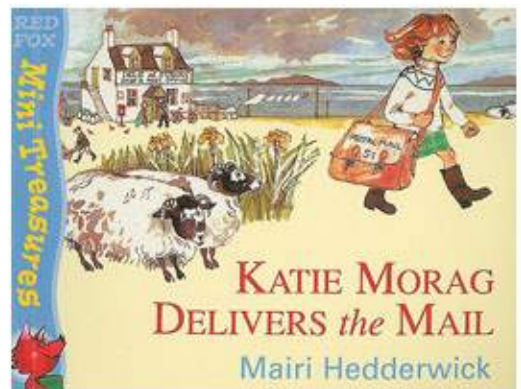


## Art project

To make two sides of your face.

This photo is called 'Life & Depression' Plastic moulds come from pound shop & other material left overs in work basket.

I found making this helpful, I didnt think about it to much. Just letting ideas flow without too much thought, I find my projects turn out much better.



Jay is keen to emphasise through her work that it is possible to achive alot on a small budget.



# Carols Creations

With the colder weather approaching with great speed, I have started getting busy with my crafting. I have been crocheting a few pairs of bonnie wee booties (right)

A wee crocheted seal, (bottom right) and have just finished a free kit from my quilting magazine. The crochet patterns for these items are available from the internet, i just searched for baby booties and seals. The phone case kit was free on "Love Patchwork and Quilting" if anyone else fancies a shotty at making one for their own phone. I had to use different felt than provided in the kit as my phone is much longer. Great fun to do though if you like sewing/quilting/patchwork.



# Skye Quilters



original design by Kaffe Fassett



Skye quilters take on the design

The Raffle Quilt was based on Kaffe Fassett pattern from our WISH magazine. This scrap quilt was made from fabrics brought in to our July meeting, after much discussion, cups of coffee & final agreement on layout. It raised £216.00 for charity



Patchwork Teddies made from old pattern by Janet



Despicable Me quilt by Ruby for grandson



Christmas Quilt made from a collection of tiny hexagons by Peta



Saucy Ladies by Sue who embellished ladies with thread, beads, buttons & wadding



Mayflowers Wedding Quilt for her granddaughter by Isobel, hand & machine stitched



40th Wedding Anniversary Quilt made by Christine for her anniversary



This quilt made from a 'Cut First, Design Later' pattern by Peta



This quilt based on a Hiver Pruden kit design by Peta



Garden Comfort quilt with yoyos made from different fabrics, hand appliqued & hand quilted by Anne

# Isolde's Dog collar



## Adjustable Fabric Dog Collar Sewing Project

Designing your own collar is easy and fun! Here's an adjustable dog collar pattern you can sew for your pet to make an original fun and fashionable creation.

what you will need:



Strap Keepers



**NOTE:** Make sure that the buckle, D-ring, slider and strap keeper all have the same width (15mm, 20mm, 25mm, 40mm, 50mm)

- 1 plastic side-release buckle
- 1 welded nickle-plated /chrome D ring
- 1 plastic square triglide webbing slider
- 2 plastic rectangular strap keepers
- Pretty bright print fabric
- Fusible interfacing
- Matching thread



## Cutting Your Dog Collar Fabric to Size

1. The width of the buckle will give you the collar's width.
2. Choose one of the following measurements for the length:
  - o Small dog: 20"
  - o Medium dog: 25"
  - o Large dog: 30"
3. Cut a strip of fusible interfacing using your width and length measurements.
4. Cut a strip of fabric the same length but 4 X (times) as wide.





## Sewing the Dog Collar

**Note: Pictures are numbered in the order of instructions**

1. Fold the strip of fabric lengthwise in half with the wrong side inside. Press.
2. Unfold. Apply the fusible interfacing on the wrong side of fabric along the centre fold.



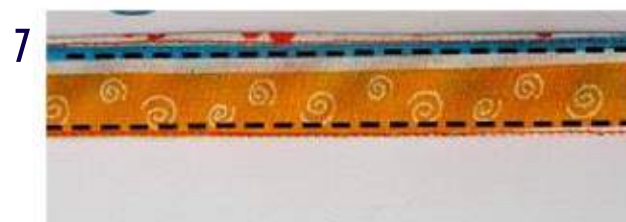
3. Iron each of the fabric's edges towards the middle and press again. The wrong side of fabric should be inside
4. Fold in half, leaving the folded edges inside. Press with iron.



5. We are going to finish the small edges first. Unfold the ends of your strip and fold them so that you are seeing the inside of the collar. Sew them together. I made the inside lighter in the picture so you can see the difference
6. Clip the corners and turn.



7. Sew all around the fabric's edge. Start with the open long edge.



# Isoldes Dog Collar cont

## Assembly

1. Insert the tip of the collar around the slider and sew. Use the machine's zipper foot to make it easier. The wrong side of your collar should be outside (the wrong side of my collar is the orange one and the right side is the yellow one).
2. Insert one of the plastic strap keepers



3. Insert the other end of the collar in the buckle piece that has the three teeth. It should go through the slit that's closer to the teeth first and come out on the other one.

4. Put the collar through the second plastic strap keeper and then insert it in the slider

NOTE: Picture shows 1 strap keeper You may want 2. One on each end



5. Now comes the D ring and the other buckle piece.

6. Go around the buckle piece and bring a piece of the collar under the D-ring. Sew to hold it in place.



Ta da! Call your dog and try it on.

# Rosies Knitting




Its more babystuff I'm afraid. I have a friend who wanted hat mitts and bootees so made 2 sets. they are knitted on 4mm needles double knit wool and knitted in stocking stitch one row plain one row purl with the odd extra row of garter stitch to add a bit of interest and the usual ribbed cuffs . The bows were simply made with rows of garter stitch and wool wound round centre to give a bow effect. The deep pink hat was chunky wool but using same pattern. The poppy brooches were made using double knit and I sewed a broach backing to both. finally the wrist warmer/gauntlet using a self striping wool in double knit again using 3.75mm. Rosie



# WISH message board

This space is an ideal place to share any group projects, ideas or craft based events you have.



Jay- I have a quilted bedspread I would like to put forward for a WISH raffle. Does anyone else have any creations or suggestions for a raffle?



The deadline for the Next issue is 30th January

get your creations in on:

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Happy crafting. From Janet & Alan



## Were In Stitches Highland