

FAQs & Answers

Please only follow information shared by admins. This will prevent confusion and misinformation. We work very closely with our carers and know what they do, and do not, need.

WHO IS BEHIND ALL THIS

The Rescue Collective and Animal Rescue Collective (ARC) and Animal Rescue Craft Guild are all one team, alongside many rescue groups helping the firezones across 5 states, backed by a registered charity (MKC). 100% volunteer run. Our group coordinates the making and supply of craft items that can be used by animal rescues.

WHAT IS MOST NEEDED:

See the traffic light image posted in the pinned post, it is updated every few weeks.

WHERE TO FIND PATTERNS

All the patterns can be found under the 'Files' tab. On your browser this tab is found on the left hand side of the screen. On a mobile this list will be at the top under the Craft Guild header - swipe through to get to Files. These are admin APPROVED patterns.

WHAT CAN I MAKE

Sewers: Joey pouches, hanging joey pouches, bat wraps, quilts and blankets. No hand sewn items.

Crocheters: Birds nests, blankets, joey pouch outers, animal jumpers.

Knitters: Blankets, joey pouch outers, animal jumpers.

WHERE TO SEND ITEMS TO:

Find your local hub:

[Check the files for USA hubs](#)

[Or the direct Australian address.](#)

HOW CAN I DONATE:

Donations are VERY welcome to cover supplies and postage costs. Make a tax deductible donation here: <https://mkc.org.au/donations/arfsncrafts/>

JOEY POUCHES

- Every outer pouch needs 2-3 liners.
- Hanging pouches are very needed too.
- All sizes are needed from tiny pouches for sugar gliders all the way to large sizes that fit older kangaroo joeys.
 - Inner pouches: 100% natural fibre only (cotton, bamboo, linen, silk). Flannelette or plain cotton are great, some carers love stretchy t-shirt cotton. Upcycled bed sheets and doona covers are perfect for these. Fabric should be very soft (what you would give to a baby). French seams are a MUST for all joey pouch liners.

- Outer pouches: Cotton, flannelette, polar fleece, wool, jersey, sweatshirt material, etc. Poly blends and synthetics are OK. Carers have their own preferences based on their experience and environment. French seams are not needed for outer pouches.

BAT WRAPS

- 100% cotton flannelette is preferred.
- Stuff them so they feel like a firm teddy bear.
- Only polyfil for the pillow

CROCHET NESTS

- A variety of sizes are needed (from 3-12 inches in diameter).
- Recommended to use one thread of a cotton 8-10ply and one thread of 8ply acrylic with a 5 to 5.5mm hook. But two of wool/two of acrylic is fine.
- No yarns that are 'fluffy' like mohair

TUTORIALS:

3D hanging pouches tutorial:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arfsncrafts/permalink/2811263908926153/>

Bag hanging pouch tutorial:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arfsncrafts/permalink/2807006449351899/>

Pouches: <https://youtu.be/VNaWDjxinPc>