

For those of you interested in supporting fundraising and wildlife assistance to Australia in the wake of their unprecedented fire season (which as Californians we can relate to), here is some information.

### **Charities – from Mr. Domestic:**

- NSW Rural Fire Service, Victorian Country Fire Authority, South Australian Country Fire Service
- Red Cross' Disaster Relief and Recovery
- The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), who support affected communities
- GivIt, who specialise in donating goods to those in need
- RSPCA's bushfire appeal to help fire-affected animals
- Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) who rehabilitate injured wildlife

### **Pattern Sales to benefit Australian charities:**

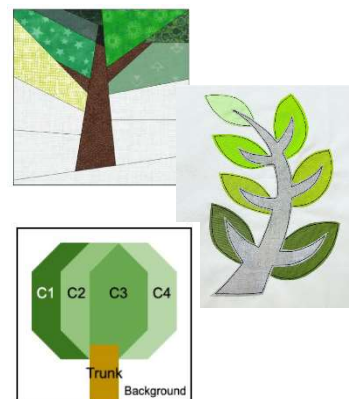
- Moira of <http://quiltdesignduo.com/>, a resident of Victoria, Australia, will, for the next 2 weeks until Monday the 20th January, donate 100% of the pattern sales to the Victorian bushfire appeal.
- Kristy of Quiet Play has two patterns where 100% of the proceeds will be donated: Love in Script sales for January will be donated to Australia Bushfire Appeal Koala Pattern sales for January will be donated to WIRES Wildlife Rescue
- Mandy of Sew Quirky will be donating 100% of Koala Pop PDF sales will be donated to the WIRES Wildlife Rescue.
- During the month of January 2020, Elizabeth Hartman will be donating the proceeds from all sales of her Koalas pdf pattern will be donated to WIRES Australian Wildlife Rescue.



### **Tree Blocks for Wollongong Modern Quilt Guild**

Just as the Ventura Modern Quilt Guild collected Perkiomen Blocks, the Wollongong Modern Quilt Guild are collecting **tree-themed blocks of any style**. Make the blocks a **“generous” 12.5-inches** with have a low volume, white, or pale grey background. See more at <https://www.instagram.com/wollongongmqg/> and follow #bushfireblocks. There will be a collection point at QuiltCon in Austin which I (Julie) will be attending. You may give me your blocks at the January Guild meeting or at our SBQG Quilt Show and I will take them to Quilt Con.

- Sewbrainy.com designed a simple tree block which is FREE through February: <https://sewbrainy.com/products/simple-tree-quilt-block-pattern-pdf>
- Lorena Uriarte has a free seedling block for use in charity efforts: <https://lorenauriarte.com/lorenas-blog/>
- A free paper pieced tree pattern from Rachael Latham: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ir7-GsZ-pY6L9aciEenp2Bttzb5e3u7K/view>
- Anoria's *Regenerate* Applique tree pattern: <http://www.sameliasmum.com/2020/01/regenerate-quilt-block-free-pattern.html>
- And another specifically for WMQG: <https://www.bonjourquilts.com/tree-quilt-block/>



### **Knitting/Crocheting/Sewing items for wildlife rehabilitation:**

While on the surface it sounds fabulous to make items to help with rehabilitation of injured animals, both Dottie Daybell and I have seen posts on Facebook, Instagram and blogs that local assistance groups in Australia would prefer to not have global groups trying to help as it creates more layers of coordination and management that they just don't have time for. They have an adequate supply chain for their needs of joey bags, bat wraps and koala mittens at this point.