

# TKGA PATTERN DESIGN COMPETITION 2010

## Rules and General Entry Information



The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) announces a call for entries to the 2010 TKGA Pattern Design Competition! **Entry Deadline is May 3, 2010.** Entries will be pre-judged from photographs and written patterns. Those chosen to be finalists will be invited to send knit-up entries for final judging. Winning items will be displayed at the TKGA Conference in Manchester, NH, July 9-10. **Many thanks to our competition sponsor Yarnmarket.com!**

**PRIZES:** A first, second and third place winner will be chosen from each competition category. One *Grand Prize* will be awarded to the overall best design.

**Grand Prize** - \$1,000 Gift Certificate to Yarnmarket.com

**First Place** - \$300 Gift Certificate to Yarnmarket.com

**Second Place** - \$200 Gift Certificate to Yarnmarket.com

**Third Place** - \$100 Gift Certificate to Yarnmarket.com

### KNIT CATEGORIES:

1. Women's Fashion Classic
2. Women's Fashion Forward
3. Children's Fashion
4. Baby's Fashion (6-12 month size)
5. Accessories (hats, scarves, purses, etc.)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Submissions for pre-judging are open to all members of TKGA – use the official entry form. (Entry form and information about membership can be found at [www.TKGA.com](http://www.TKGA.com).)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** A maximum of three entries will be accepted per entrant. A separate entry form must be sent for each entry.

**MATERIALS:** Because winning patterns will be published by sponsor Yarnmarket, all designs need to be knitted from yarns that can be found in the current Yarnmarket.com yarn selection – over 700 yarns available.

**GARMENT SIZES:** Entries should follow standard sizing guidelines found at [www.YarnStandards.com](http://www.YarnStandards.com). Note: Women's fashions can be made in any size, but since most models are size small, you might want to consider making women's entries that size.

**PATTERN FORMAT:** All patterns must be submitted digitally in Word format (no exceptions) and with a hardcopy printout. All patterns need to follow TKGA Pattern Design Competition Format (found at [www.TKGA.com](http://www.TKGA.com)). Patterns will not be returned.

**ORIGINAL DESIGNS:** All entries **must be unpublished original designs.** Taking patterns or designs from any other source will disqualify your entry. You may get inspiration from any source, but plagiarizing another person's work will result in your entry being disqualified and ineligible for any prize. For example, merely changing the color or a few rows of stitches in another person's design is not acceptable – your work must be **significantly different** from any published work.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Judges will consider design appeal, use of stitches, color, selection of materials and quality of written pattern. They will also look at the quality of workmanship, finishing, appearance and cleanliness of entries. Soiled items and items which are not smoke free will not be judged.

**JUDGES:** Judges include Jan Gratz from Yarnmarket, Inc., Penny Sittler from TKGA, and designer Iris Schrier.

### APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES:

**Entries for Preliminary Judging:** Because pre-judging will be done by photographs and reference to the written pattern, garments are NOT to be sent for pre-judging. To enter the competition, send the official TKGA Pattern Design Contest Entry Form along with pattern and garment photos **by May 3** to The Knitting Guild Association. The entry must include contact information, entry photograph(s), description of entry, written pattern in correct format, signed liability waivers, publicity release and release of the pattern to Yarnmarket for first right of refusal for publication and for winning entry patterns to become the property of Yarnmarket. Judges will select up to 10 preliminary entries in each category as finalists. If non-winning entrant wants patterns returned, they need to supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope that will accommodate the pattern/CD return.

**Notification of Finalists and Non-finalists:** Following pre-judging, TKGA will send notices to finalists and non-finalists starting **May 19**.

**Final Entries:** Finalists will be asked to send their knit-up entry (at their own shipping expense) to arrive **by June 9** at TKGA. Each entry must be tagged with design name, entrant's name, address and phone number.

**Judging of Final Entries:** Judging will take place prior to the 2010 TKGA Conference with announcement at the Conference, where winning items will also be on display.

**Return of Entries:** Yarnmarket will hold all winning entries and any other entries they may choose to publish until they are finished photographing them. TKGA will return all other knit-up entries around **July 30**.

**PUBLICATION RIGHTS:** Yarnmarket reserves the right to publish winning patterns and first right of refusal on all entries. Patterns for winning garments become the property of Yarnmarket.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact The Knitting Guild Association at [TKGA@TKGA.com](mailto:TKGA@TKGA.com). **Competition details are posted at [www.TKGA.com](http://www.TKGA.com).**