

TKGA PATTERN DESIGN CONTEST 2009 - Rules and General Entry Information

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The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) announces the call for entries to the 2009 TKGA Pattern Design Contest! **Entry Deadline is March 11, 2009.** Entries will be pre-judged from photographs. Those chosen to be finalists will then be invited to send their knit-up entries for display and final judging at the TKGA National Conference/Knit & Crochet Show in Portland, Oregon, May 14-17, 2009 (KnitandCrochetShow.com). Winners will be announced during the TKGA Member Meeting on Friday evening, May 15, 2009. 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. Men's Wear
4. Children's Fashion
5. Baby's Fashion (6-12 month size)
6. Accessories (hats, scarves, purses, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY: Submissions for pre-judging are open to all knitters. Finalists must be TKGA members. (Information about membership can be found at www.TKGA.com.)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: A maximum of three entries will be accepted per entrant.

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

GARMENT SIZES: Entries should follow standard sizing guidelines found at 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.

ORIGINAL DESIGNS: All entries **must be unpublished original designs.** Taking patterns or designs from any other source will disqualify your entry.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 equally consider design appeal, use of stitches, color and selection of materials. Judges will also look at the quality of workmanship, finishing, appearance and

cleanliness of entries. Soiled items and items which are not smoke free may be returned to the entrant and will not be judged.

JUDGES: Judges include Jan Gratz from Yarnmarket, Inc., Penny Sittler from TKGA, and Sandy Blue of Westminster Fibers.

APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES:

Entries for Preliminary Judging: Because pre-judging will be done by photographs, garments are NOT to be sent for pre-judging. To enter the competition, send the official TKGA Pattern Design Contest Entry Form along with garment photos **by March 11** to The Knitting Guild Association. The entry form includes contact information, garment description, liability waivers, publicity release and release of the pattern to Yarnmarket.com for first right of refusal for publication and for winning entry patterns to become the property of Yarnmarket.com. Judges will select up to 10 preliminary entries in each category as finalists. Photographs will not be returned.

Notification of Finalists and Non-finalists: Following pre-judging, TKGA will send notices to finalists and non-finalists by **April 1**.

Final Entries: Each finalist must join or be a current member of TKGA. Those who qualify will be asked to send their knit-up entry (at their own shipping expense) to arrive **by April 14** at TKGA. Each entry must be tagged with design name, entrant's name, address and phone number.

Judging of Entries: Judging will take place at the TKGA National Conference/Knit & Crochet Show, Portland, Oregon. (Show dates are May 14-17, 2009). TKGA will transport garments received by April 14 to the Show (expenses covered by contest sponsor).

Return of Entries: Following the contest, knit-up entries will either be returned (at the expense of the contest sponsor) **by June 10** or kept by Yarnmarket.com to photograph for publication and then returned. Yarnmarket.com will provide further communication regarding any pattern submission details. Announced prize awards will be conferred once the winning pattern is received.

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

QUESTIONS? Contact The Knitting Guild Association at TKGA@TKGA.com. **Contest details are posted at www.TKGA.com.**



TKGA PATTERN DESIGN CONTEST 2009 ENTRY FORM Sponsored by Yarnmarket.com

DEADLINE FOR PRELIMINARY SUBMISSIONS: March 11, 2009

(See Rules and General Entry Information that accompany this Entry Form or that can be viewed at www.TKGA.com)

Information from this form and your attached materials will be used to pre-judge your entry. Please provide complete information and details. If you are submitting more than one entry (up to three will be accepted per entrant), please use a separate form for each entry.

Please print clearly:

Name _____

Street Address (no PO Box, please) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country (if not United States) _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

(Completing this form serves management notice that you agree to be contacted by mail, phone, fax and/or e-mail)

Please check ONE of the following knit categories:

- Women's Fashion Classic
- Women's Fashion Forward
- Men's Wear
- Children's Fashion
- Baby's Fashion (6-12 month size)
- Accessories (hats, scarves, purses, etc.)

Provide design information:

- Check here if entry is machine knit.

Name of Design: _____

Estimated Value \$ _____

List All Yarns Used (yarns must be among those offered by Yarnmarket.com): _____

Size of Garment (according to www.YarnStandards.com): _____

Entry Description: _____

(Check here and attach separate sheet, if needed)

- Additional Description Information attached

(Make sure your name is on any attached pages)

Indicate your method of providing photos:

- Photos are mailed with this form (do not send photos separately from the form).
- Photos are e-mailed to TKGA@TKGA.com with this form

Faxed photos will not be accepted. Limit: three photos. Make sure all photos are labeled with design name and name of entrant. Photos should clearly represent the entry (front, back and detail close up). Photos and other entry materials will not be returned.

Do NOT send the garment at this time:

Pre-judging will be completed by April 1. If you are chosen as a finalist, TKGA will notify you when and where to send your knit-up entry. (Non-finalists will be notified.)

Signature Required:

I attest that the named design is my original unpublished design. By my submission to TKGA's Pattern Design Contest I do hereby release the design pattern to Yarnmarket.com for first right of refusal for publication whether or not I am a finalist, and if I am a winner I release the pattern to become the property of Yarnmarket.com. I agree to allow Yarnmarket.com to photograph my entry for publication, and Yarnmarket.com and TKGA may photograph my entry and myself for use in contest publicity. I understand that if my design is selected for final judging, I must join or be a current member of TKGA in order to continue in the competition. If I send my knit-up entry for judging, I hereby release Yarnmarket.com, TKGA and Offinger Management Company and their respective officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for loss or damage to my entry. I note that it has been recommended that I insure my knit-up entry against such loss and damage as could occur in connection with the contest.

Signature _____

Send entry form and photos to:

The Knitting Guild Association
Attn: Design Competition
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Zanesville OH 43701-7303
Phone: 740-452-4541
Fax: 740-452-2552
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For details about the TKGA National Convention/Knit & Crochet Show, visit www.KnitandCrochetShow.com