

# TKGA Design Contest

## Neck and Neck!

November 1, 2024, marks TKGA's eighth anniversary.  
TKGA, run by knitters, for knitters.

Once again, we are celebrating by holding our Annual Design Contest.  
This year we are stepping it up!  
Join us as we search for our:

### TKGA 2024 Cowl Designer

Deadline for entries is October 1, 2024

The winner will be announced on  
November 1, 2024



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## TKGA 2024 Design Contest Official Guidelines

- The entry should be an item worn around the neck. The item should be circular/tubular. It can be worked in the round, but does not have to be worked in the round. If not worked in one piece, the item should provide some form of closure such as (but not limited to) buttons, clasps, hooks, velcro, or other type of closure. The main focus of the design should be as a neck covering. The cowl can be any length, width, or diameter. The item must cover the neck and can be any width or diameter. It can be worn double or triple wrapped. Length should be no lower than the upper chest. Hoods may be attached but should not be the main focus of the design. Scarves (long pieces of open ended fabric) will not be accepted.
- Yarns used must be **currently available commercial yarns**. Yarns can be of any color or fiber and can also contain embellishments within the strand, such as (but not limited to) felted ornaments, beads, or other non-yarn trim. If the yarn used was currently available at the announcement of the contest, but was discontinued by the close of the contest, please note this on your entry form with your yarn information. Do not use scraps from stash if the yarn cannot be identified.
- All entries must be hand knit. Accessories and embellishments may be fabricated from materials other than yarn, such as (but not limited to) beads or buttons; or handcrafted by a method other than knitting, such as (but not limited to) crochet, needlepoint, or embroidery. These non-knitted additions can be only embellishments, with the main item being hand knit with yarn.
- All submitted designs must be the original work of the entrant. An original design is one that is not directly modeled on an existing pattern and differs substantially in gauge (or yarn weight), stitch pattern, and design styling from other available designs.
- Only current members of TKGA are eligible to enter and receive prizes. You must be a member upon entry and upon conclusion of the contest.
- Knitters of all levels are encouraged to submit their original design. The contest is open to both amateur and professional designers.
- Published designs are not eligible for entry. This includes self-published designs. Items designed for any TKGA course or program including the Master Hand Knitting program are not eligible.
- There is a limit of two entries per designer.
- All entries must be received by 11:59 PM EDT, October 1, 2024. The winner will be announced on November 1, 2024.\*
- Entries will be made by submitting photographs of the item.\*\* Each entry must include at least four, but no more than six, photographs. One of the photographs should show the item in its entirety. One photo should show the item laid flat with the outside or first side facing. One photo should show the inside (or wrong side, or other side) laid flat. If there are any important construction details, such as ties, closures, or seams, include a photograph of these areas. Close-up photos of intricate stitch patterns or stitch work is encouraged, as is a photo of the item on a model or mannequin. Keep in mind the judges must be able to see your work to evaluate and assess it. We will accept only jpeg files, and the **files should not be any larger than 350KB** (72dpi and 500 pixels). Any photo larger than 350KB will have the size reduced at the discretion of the Design Contest Committee. In addition, please name each photo file using the following naming convention: nameofdesign.photo#.jpg Example: SockShoeltem.photo#2.jpg

- Entries will be judged anonymously by a jury of TKGA Certified Judges and/or TKGA Certified Master Knitters with extensive design experience. All decisions by the jury will be final and binding.
- The judging panel will be announced May 1, 2024.
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
  - Design and Artistic Appeal
  - Originality and Creativity
  - Color Balance and/or Harmony
  - Quality and Workmanship
- All entries must be accompanied by the two-page entry form at the end of this flyer. Send only the signed entry form along with your photographs. DO NOT include a pattern for your item. We must be able to read the entry form or you will be asked to resend the form.
- Six places will be awarded. No entrant can place in more than one slot. Photographs of the winning designs may be published in an upcoming issue of *Cast On* and/or *K2TOG Newsletter*.
- Complete entries should be emailed to [designcontest.tkga@gmail.com](mailto:designcontest.tkga@gmail.com)

\* In the event that there is an unexpectedly large number of entries, TKGA reserves the right to extend the judging period. Should this occur, an announcement will be made on Ravelry and in K2TOG.

\*\* While the contestant retains copyright of all photographs, TKGA retains the right to use all photographs submitted for advertising and guild purposes in both print and online.

## Prize List

### First Place

Designation as **2024 Cowl Designer** with all rights to use this title  
 Blue Ribbon  
 \$250.00\*  
 One year membership to TKGA (will be applied after current membership expires)

### Second Place

Red Ribbon  
 \$150.00\*

### Third Place

White Ribbon  
 \$75.00\*

### Fourth Place

Yellow Ribbon

### Fifth Place

Pink Ribbon

### Sixth Place

Green Ribbon

**Two Judge's Choice ribbons will also be awarded.** Details to be announced at a later date.



\*TKGA pays via paper check mailed via USPS. Payees must have appropriate tax documents on file with TKGA prior to mailing of prize money. A W9 will be provided for US residents. Foreign entries are referred to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/forms-for-foreign-beneficial-owners>

# TKGA 2024 DESIGN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Entry form must be signed in order for entry to be judged — see page 2 of this form.

## Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of photos accompanying entry: \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum of 4, maximum of 6)  
Limit photo size to 350 KB (Resolution 72dpi x 500 pixels)

List all needle sizes used, in US notation:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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List all yarns used. Include manufacturer, name of yarn, and color: (can continue on page 2 if needed)

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On the next page, briefly describe your design inspiration and anything special about your design that the judges should be aware of. This section should be 150-200 words. Do not include photos.

By submitting a pattern to the TKGGA 2024 Design Contest, I certify that I am the sole creator of the work and that I have not violated the intellectual property rights of any other person in creating this pattern. This notice will serve as my written permission to allow my design and entry photographs to be used exclusively by The Knitting Guild Association in advertising, online, and for guild purposes. Note: The Knitting Guild Association accepts no liability for submissions which prove to be unoriginal by the designer.

Please sign and scan this form. Email your entry to [designcontest.tkgga@gmail.com](mailto:designcontest.tkgga@gmail.com) no later than October 1, 2024. Include both pages of this form along with your photographs. Entries will not be accepted without a signed entry form.

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Signature of entrant

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Date