

TKGA Design Contest

Step It Up!

November 1, 2023, marks TKGA's seventh 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 2023 Footwear Designer

Deadline for entries is October 1, 2023

**The winner will be announced on
November 1, 2023**



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TKGA 2023 Design Contest Official Guidelines

- The entry should be an item worn on the feet, lower leg, or on a shoe, boot, or other footwear. It can be any type of footwear, and it can be accessorized. The item should be at least two pieces with one piece for each foot (they can be interchangeable, but there should be two). Other pieces can be present as embellishment. Each pair or set of footwear items will count as one entry and will be judged as a pair or set.
- 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, 2023. The winner will be announced on November 1, 2023.*
- 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: SockShoeItem.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, 2023.

- 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

* 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 **2023 Footwear 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

Places 1-6 will all receive a digital copy of Nomadic Knits Issue 12: Utah / Nevada.

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

In addition to the prizes above **all** winners will receive a yarn prize!!

Thanks to our sponsors Purl Soho and Nomadic Knits!



*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 2023 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:

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

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 TKGA 2023 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.tkga@gmail.com no later than October 1, 2023. Include both pages of this form along with your photographs. Entries will not be accepted without a signed entry form.

Signature of entrant

Date