

The Master Hand Knitting Committee

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A list of Certified Master Hand Knitters
can be found at
[TKGA.org](https://www.tkga.org)

The Knitting Guild Association is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to providing education and resources to advance their mastery of the craft of knitting.

We support serious knitters in their efforts to perpetuate traditional techniques and keep the artisan aspects and high quality standards of the craft alive.



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Master your knitting
through education



Welcome to the Masters

The Master Hand Knitting Program was announced in the Fall 1987 issue of *Cast On* as a way for members of The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) to have their knitting evaluated using specific criteria and guidelines. It was designed as an educational process, not a competition or contest.

By the time you finish the program you will have a mastery of many knitting techniques both basic and advanced. You will have knowledge of knitting-related topics such as the care of knitwear, the history of knitting, and knitting traditions. You will have experience in design and writing your own patterns and instructions. But more importantly you will have confidence in your own abilities. Where this confidence takes you is up to you.

How the Master Hand Knitting Program Works

Knitters work independently through three levels of the program, each building on techniques demonstrated in the previous level. Each level is completed and evaluated by the Master Hand Knitting Committee before the knitter is able to move forward to the next level of the program.

Are you ready to take your knitting to the next level?



Certified Master Hand Knitters—Dallas, TX 2018

Level 1

This is the first of three levels for hand knitting. This level establishes proficiency of basic knitting skills. Requirements to complete Level 1 include: A report on Blocking and Care of Hand Knits, nineteen knitted swatches, eight gauge calculations, twenty-two questions to research and answer, and one mitten.



Level 1 Swatch Example



Mitten Project

Level 2

This is the second of three levels for hand knitting. This level establishes proficiency in finishing, pattern writing along with the ability to work basic cable, lace, and color work. Requirements to complete Level 2 include: Four book reviews, a report on The History of Knitting, nineteen knitted swatches, nineteen questions to research and answer, one Fair Isle wristlet, one Argyle sock and one vest.



Level 2 Swatch Example



Fair Isle Wristlet Project

Level 3

This, the final of the three levels, establishes proficiency in advanced techniques and advanced stitch work. Requirements to complete Level 3 include: Two book reviews and two magazine reviews, a report on six fibers used in knitting, a report on two knitting traditions, nineteen knitted swatches, twenty questions to research and answer, self-designed sweater and hat, one Aran and the other Fair Isle or Scandinavian.



Level 3 Swatch Example



Sweater Project