



# Certification Programs

2025

## Master Hand Knitting Certification

The Master Hand Knitting Program is the cornerstone of all our programs. Since its inception in 1987, knitters have been challenging themselves to become elite knitters. The program was designed as an educational process, not a competition or contest. The program is not for new knitters, but for those who want to improve their skills. For each of the three levels of the program, you will knit swatches, write reports, answer questions, and complete projects. Levels establish proficiency in:

**Level 1** basic knitting skills.

**Level 2** finishing, pattern writing, and the ability to work basic cable, lace, and color work.

**Level 3** advanced techniques and stitch work.

Upon completion you will have a mastery of many knitting techniques, knowledge of the history and traditions of knitting, experience in garment design and pattern writing, but more importantly you will have the confidence in your own abilities. Where this confidence takes you is up to you.

For more information:

<https://tkga.org/certification/master-hand-knitting/>



## Professional Knitter Certification

This course is designed for those who want to take their work to the next level for their personal satisfaction or to fulfill professional goals as sample knitters or finishers. The swatches and projects will demonstrate the candidate's ability to interpret instructions and patterns, and identify potential pattern errors. Each module includes questions that require no research, just observation. An important part of this program is time management. Work for each module must be submitted with one year of purchase.

**Module 1** tests the knitter's skill in basic techniques and the ability to work to gauge by knitting swatches.

**Module 2** tests the knitter's ability to reproduce more complicated stitch patterns from pattern instructions. The knitter's finishing is tested by knitting and finishing two baby sweaters.

**Module 3** provides information and tips for successfully working with designers. The graduation project is a "real world" situation in which the student works with the instructor to determine a time frame for completing the project, and then does so. Completing this course will give you the confidence and ability to succeed in the knitting industry as a true professional.

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Setting the standard for  
professional knitting  
since 1987



# Certification:

# The Hallmark of Professional Excellence

## Certification for Professional Knitwear Designers

This course prepares designers for a career in knitwear design. It provides a well-rounded foundation of inspiration, technical skills, proper techniques, and business management to enable designers to professionally design truly unique garments, décor, and accessories. With the knowledge and resources provided in the course, you will acquire the skills needed to remove any barriers from your knitwear design process. There is no limit to what you can achieve. Certification means that you have acquired the knowledge and skills to design professionally & can market yourself as a Certified Knitwear Designer.

For more information: <https://tkga.org/knitwear-designer-certification/>

## Certification for Knitting Judges

Knitting competitions are great settings for knitters to gather and share their craft, both in person and virtually. Along with encouraging creativity, they promote high standards. They impart a sense of pride in presenting quality work. Certification means that you have acquired the necessary skills to judge and can market yourself as a Knitting Judge.

For more information:  
<https://tkga.org/certification/certification-for-knitting-judges/>

## Certification for Knitting Instructors

Are you a knitter interested in sharing your passion for knitting? There is always a need for knowledgeable knitting instructors. If you are the type of knitter who enjoys working with people and you can organize, digest, then explain techniques, teaching may be your calling. This course prepares you to instruct knitting. Certification means you have acquired the knowledge and skills to teach knitting and market yourself as a Certified Knitting Instructor.

For more information: <https://tkga.org/certification-for-knittinginstructors/>

## Certification for Technical Editors

Designers, knitting magazine editors, yarn companies, and writers of knitting books need Technical Editors. They depend on their tech editors to help them produce error-free patterns and articles that knitters can enjoy knitting and reading. In this course, the goal is to help you learn the skills needed to become a knowledgeable and astute technical editor for knitting. If you are a Master Knitter, you already have demonstrated that you have mastered advanced knitting skills, and technical editing is one way of applying those skills. Certification means you have acquired these skills and can market yourself as a Technical Editor.

For more information: <https://tkga.org/certification-for-technicaleditors/>

TKGA Certification programs are the gold standard in knitting. These are not classes, but research programs. You will work one-on-one with a knitting professional who will mentor you through the course. In addition to the Master Hand Knitting Program, we offer five specialized Certification Programs that give you the skills needed for success in the Knitting industry. Where you go from there is up to you!

**Let us guide you to success.  
We are with you  
every stitch of the way!**

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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See our website for a list of Certified Master Hand Knitters, Certified Judges, Technical Editors, Knitting Instructors & Knitwear Designers



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