



Educational Courses

2025

TKGA is known throughout the knitting industry for our educational programs. We provide many options to help you improve your knitting, whether for fun, learning, or for pursuing excellence.

Our Education offerings range from Mini-Courses to more in-depth Correspondence Courses. You will receive **personalized feedback on your knitting or knitting-related skills**.

All courses support a love of learning about knitting, or knitting-related topics. Some focus on improving specific knitting skills, while others provide the support skills needed for pursuing one or more of our certifications, or a career in the knitting industry.

- ⇒ Work at your own pace
- ⇒ Work one-on-one with an instructor
- ⇒ Learn from a Certified Master Knitter

Upon completion of a course, students receive a Certificate of Completion and their name is listed in the next monthly *K2TOG* newsletter.

For guidance in elevating your skills, TKGA's Education division is here for you!

Let us support your love of knitting and learning.

We are with you every stitch of the way!

Hand Knitting Correspondence Courses

Our Hand-Knitting Correspondence Courses cover comprehensive topics in hand-knitting for all skill levels. Courses are completed in more than one lesson/level, via mail and/or email. Certified Master Knitters serve as mentors and teachers, giving detailed, personalized, written feedback to students as they complete the lessons/levels.

Courses include:

Learn to Knit

Basics, Basics, Basics

Taming Tension

Understanding Gauge

Shetland Lace Workshop

Professional Finishing Techniques

For more information:

<https://tkga.org/education/correspondence-courses/>

Marketing Yourself within the Knitting Industry

Are you ready to take your knitting career to the next level? We live in a time where people are rejecting traditional advertising. You can be the best designer, or yarn dyer in the world but it doesn't matter if no one knows about you.

This course combines the framework of educational & professional marketing programs, tailored with specific strategies for knitting professionals. It is a powerhouse of knowledge designed to increase sales for your knitting business.

For more information:

<https://tkga.org/education/marketing-course/>



Take Your Knitting to the Next Level

Pattern Writing Basics

This course will teach you how to write a quality pattern following a template. Avoid being the cause of frustration and instead, send patterns out into the knitting world with confidence. If you're working on the MKH Program, you'll love having comprehensive pattern knowledge to be able to write patterns to the MHK template more easily. If you're designing, this means less pattern support, as well as less tech editing time, and a better reputation in the industry for your pattern writing skills. You will learn elements of good pattern writing: what information needs to be included and where, the order in which to present it, how to write stitch patterns, and clear instructions. This course does not include knitting.

This course is divided into three lessons. Lesson 1 teaches you the information to be included in a pattern and the order in which it is usually presented. Lesson 2 covers writing directions, charts, and schematics. In Lesson 3, we put it all together to write a full pattern. Lessons are emailed to the instructor who reviews the work.

For more information:
<https://tkqa.org/education/pattern-writing-course/>

Mini Courses

These single-topic courses, cover specific areas of interest to all knitters but especially to those working through the Master Hand Knitting program.

They take minimal time, yet deliver instant results. Get direct feedback on your course work from current or past members of the Master Hand Knitting Committee who each have hours of experience evaluating knitters' work in a positive and constructive manner.

Choose from 19 Mini Courses in 2025

- Beautiful Joins: Underarm & Thumb Joins**
- Clean Up Those Cables!**
- Decorative Cast Ons and Bind Offs**
- Decorative Stitches; Nupps, Stars & Clusters**
- Fair Isle Flat**
- Intarsia**
- Long Tail Cast On and Basic Chain Bind Off**
- Mattress Stitch**
- Picking Up Stitches**
- Seaming Bind Off Edges**
- Simple Lace**
- Single Decreases**
- Slip Stitch Patterns: Slip Stitch Knitting**
- Steeks**
- Taming Edge Stitch Tension in Stockinette**
- Tubular Cast On and Bind Off**
- Twisted Decreases**
- Working Knitted Increases**
- Yarnover and German Short Rows**

For more information:
<https://tkqa.org/education/mini-courses/>



Setting the standard for
professional knitting
since 1987

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.

Course Instructors

All course instructors are Certified Master Knitters

Learn to Knit

Mary Forte

Basics, Basics, Basics

Arenda Holladay

Taming Tension

Binka Schwan

Understanding Gauge

Arenda Holladay

Professional Finishing Techniques

Arenda Holladay

Shetland Lace Workshop

Leslie Gonzalez

Marketing Yourself within the Knitting Industry

Donna Estin

Pattern Writing Basics

Nancy Simet

Mini Course Instructors: Cathy Berry, Mary Forte, Leslie Gonzalez, Arenda Holladay, Mary E. Jacobs, Joyce Jones, Binka Schwan, Heather Storta, Debbie West.

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