

# Knitting Challenge 2017

We are pleased to announce the details of the 2017 Knitting Challenge which once again will be free to enter. All entries must be received no later than **Friday 5th May 2017**.

**All entries are expected to be of a reasonable technical standard.**

Categories 1 – 4 are open to entries from both members and non-members of the Guild of Machine Knitters.

**Category 1. Garment of your own design:** Winner is awarded the **GMK Award**. *For this category you are required to design and knit a garment or outfit for an adult, child or baby. Built in patterns and pre-punched punchcard pattern designs allowed. You must do all the calculations yourself (charting devices or computer programmes such as DAK are allowed).*

**Category 2. A waistcoat from your favourite pattern or the pattern provided by us:** Winner is awarded the **Fiskerton Trophy**. *The Guild recognises that we have many wonderful knitters who do not consider themselves able to work without a pattern but like to “add their own little touches”. For this category you are not required to design the garment. We would like a **waistcoat**. You can use a favourite waistcoat pattern or alternatively use our basic unisex waistcoat pattern. It’s suitable for any 4ply yarn, written in 10 sizes with full instructions for knitting it in tuck stitch or stocking stitch.*

**Category 3. Accessories:** 80% of which to be machine knitted; *hand bags, shawls, hats, gloves, jewellery etc.* Winner is awarded the **Silver Cup**.

**Category 4. Open Category:** Winner is awarded the **Alison Lee Award**. *Non-wearable, flight of fancy, fabric flair, machine knitted art; bags (other than handbags) cushion/chair upholstery, book covers, floor mats, blankets/throws, wall hangings/art, decorations, sculptures, curtains/window blinds & decorations, children’s toys, mobiles etc.* Entries should be at least 75% machine knitted.

**The Creativity Cup** will be awarded to a member of the Guild of Machine Knitters whose entry is deemed by the Judges to be the most creative whilst demonstrating the best use of the stitch structures that can be achieved on a knitting machine together with good finishing techniques and presentation.

**The Long Buckby Award** will be given to a member of the Guild of Machine Knitters who enters the Knitting Challenge for the first time and whose entry is judged to show the highest standard of workmanship and presentation. The same entry cannot win both the Creativity Cup and the Long Buckby Award.

In all categories the Judges will be looking for creativity (max 30 points), finish & tension plus suitability of yarn for the design (max 20 points), presentation & eye-appeal (max 20 points), choice of techniques (max 15 points), degree of difficulty (max 15 points).

Please do not attach any identification or labels to your entry. **The Judges’ decision is final.**

The best entries in each category will be awarded Cups and Awards as above. We regret that we cannot forward Cups and Awards to overseas winners however certificates and prizes will be forwarded.

Please send your entry to: Guild of Machine Knitters Challenge 2017, c/o Jane Harrison, Vanderlande Industries UK Ltd., 6050 Knights Court, Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham, B37 7WY

The results will be announced at the 2017 National Guild Day and AGM where all entries will be on display.

*After judging and presentation all entries can be collected from the AGM, returned by post or donated to a nominated charity of our choice. For postal returns a cheque/postal order or stamps to cover return postage should be enclosed with your entry.*

# GUILD OF MACHINE KNITTERS

## Entry Form 2017



Please submit this form with your entry. (Use one form per entry – Photocopies accepted)  
Please do not attach any identification or labels to your entry.

(Please print clearly)

Name: ..... Guild Membership Number.....

Address:.....

..... Post Code.....

Telephone Number..... E-mail Address.....

Please tick category entered:

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|--|--|--|
|  | 1. Garment of own design *(see note below)                                   |  |
|  | 2. Waistcoat based on ours or a favourite pattern. Pattern and size knitted: |  |
|  | 3. Accessories   |  |
|  | 4. Open Category   |  |
- Tick here if own design
- Tick here if own design

Techniques Used .....

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Machines used .....

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Yarns Used .....

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Note: \* Category 1: It would be helpful to the judges if you indicated who the garment is intended for e.g. child / teen / adult / male / female/ disabled and its style e.g. classic/trendy/holiday/special occasion / outer wear etc. Use this space for your own description: .....

If insufficient room on this form, please put information requested on a sheet of plain paper & attach to this entry form.

*The winners and runners up may be requested to supply their tension swatches or techniques samples so that members of the public who wish to touch the exhibits may handle the swatches rather than the competition entry.*

This **is / is not** the first time I have entered the knitting challenge or competition. (Delete as appropriate)

*I will **collect** my entry/my entry will be **collected by**...../please **post back/ donate** to a charity nominated by the Guild. (Delete as appropriate)*

Guild membership fee (if needed - cheques only please) £18.00 per year (April-March)

*I agree that my entry may be exhibited and my name and a photograph of the entry placed on the Guild website.*

Signature ..... Date .....

**Closing date for submission of entry: Friday 5th May 2017**

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Remember to enclose sterling cheque/postal order/stamps to cover the return postage costs for your entry if you are not collecting or donating it to charity. Postage may also be sent by separate post but if doing so, please clearly indicate your name and address so that we can match it to your entry. Please make cheques payable to '**Guild of Machine Knitters**'. PLEASE NOTE: Cups and Awards will not be forwarded to overseas winners.