

The Sherborne Vase Challenge 2017



The Sherborne Vase was donated by Sherborne and District MKC to challenge groups of at least five people working together. With agreement from Sherborne Club some changes have been introduced for 2017. This year groups of three will be allowed (see design criteria). The group should create a lap blanket or cot blanket.

We know that in the past some groups are put off entering as they don't know what they will do with their entry when it is returned to them. With this in mind we feel that a lap blanket or cot blanket will give plenty of scope for ideas to showcase the diversity of machine knitting as well as being useful after the event.

Design criteria:

1. A lap blanket or cot blanket. Patchwork; squares, strips, a central design with interesting borders, crazy patchwork to give just a few ideas.
2. Any type or number of patterns and techniques can be used.
3. All major components **MUST** be machine knitted, and 90% of the entry must be machine knitted. Beading, embroidery, trimmings (not knitted) as decoration are permitted but must not be a major part of the entry (less than 10%).
4. Each entry must be a group project worked on together by three people. At least two of the group must be Guild members. The names (and membership numbers of the members) of all those working on the entry must be submitted on the entry form.
5. Each entry must be packed into a sturdy box, e.g. boot box or a medium parcel box and measure approximately 385mm x 216mm x 160 mm. It could be smaller of course.
6. The preferred lap blanket size for care homes is 24" x 24" but it can be any size up to 36" x 36" (60cm x 60cm to 90cm x 90cm) as long as it fits into the box.

The Judges will be looking for originality, creativity, finish, presentation and eye appeal as well as choice of techniques and yarn plus the degree of difficulty. The Judges' decision is final.

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

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

After judging, all entries will be displayed at the National Guild Day and AGM on Saturday 17th June 2017. They can be collected, returned by post or donated to a charity nominated by us. Please send a cheque/postal order or stamps to cover the return postage if you are not collecting or donating it to the charity of our choice.

GUILD OF MACHINE KNITTERS



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Please submit this form with your entry for the **Sherborne Vase** only.
 Please do not attach any identification to your challenge entry.

Club/Group Name

Contact Address:.....

.....Post Code

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

Participant Name & Membership No

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Techniques used	Machines used
	Yarns used

We agree that our entry may be exhibited and that our Group name and a photograph of the entry placed in the Guild Newsletter and on the Guild website.

Signature (On behalf of the Club/Group) Date

Our entry will be **collected by**/please **post back/donate** to charity (delete as appropriate)

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Remember to enclose cheque/postal order/stamps to cover the return postage costs for your entry if it is to be posted back. This 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*.