



2024 KNIT OR CROCHET CONTEST

RULES AND ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries will be divided into 3 categories: Hand Knit Afghan, Crochet Afghan, and Baby Blanket (knit or crochet).

All categories will be judged separately. Please try to keep full size afghans around 48 x 60" in size; Baby blankets around 32 x 42" in size or as close as possible. We realize some afghans or blankets will finish bigger or even smaller, in order to accommodate designs.

All entries **must be original designs**. Taking patterns or designs from any other source will disqualify your entry. You may get **inspiration** from any source, but plagiarizing another person's work will result in your entry being disqualified and ineligible for any cash prize. For example, merely changing the color, a few stitches or rows of pattern in another person's design is not acceptable - your work must be significantly different from any published work. Any entry using a licensed character design (Disney characters, etc) is not eligible and will be returned before judging.

All entries will be judged on an equal basis for their design appeal, use of stitches, color and materials. We ask you use Mary Maxim yarns or yarns produced by our list of sponsors (shown on back page). We also request that all **yarns and colors** used should be current and readily available (please check by asking when purchasing your yarns or by checking on a web site for that particular brand of yarn). We will also look at the quality of workmanship, finishing, appearance and cleanliness. Winning entries will be photographed for publication in our catalog, therefore, soiled entries will be returned un-judged.

One First place winning entry will be chosen from each category and each will be awarded a \$500 cash prize. The GRAND PRIZE WINNER will be selected from these 4 winners and will be awarded an additional \$1500 cash prize. All winners will have their names appear with their winning entry in a future publication and online. All **1st and 2nd Place** winning entries and instructions will become the sole property of Mary Maxim Inc. as well as holding of all copyrights and distribution rights of same winning patterns.

Non-winning entries may be awarded a 2nd place, 3rd place or Honorable Mention, all with a cash prize. The **instructions** for these winners will also become the sole property of Mary Maxim Inc. as well as holding of all copyrights and distribution rights to these patterns.

Projects (and instructions) awarded a 2nd place will also become the sole property of Mary Maxim Inc as well as holding of all copyrights and distribution rights of same winning patterns.

Projects that are awarded a 3rd place or Honorable Mention will be returned after we have completed final patterns and photography. These entries might also appear in a future publication and online.

When designing your entry, **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** to keep accurate count of materials you use, including types of yarn, **yardage used** (not ounces) of each color, needles, hooks and any other accessories that you use. If your project uses 5 full skeins and a partial skein, measure the remaining yarn of the 6th skein to let us know how many yards were actually used - do not just write down yardage for 6 skeins! We have provided space on your entry form for recording your material requirements. Please **print** all information clearly and in ink. We suggest you write your pattern as you work - this will help you avoid omitting any part of the pattern.

DO NOT send your pattern with your entry. If you are a winner, we will request your pattern along with a detailed list of yardages, yarns and all materials used. Patterns must be typed in legible format and use standard stitches and abbreviations from the Craft Yarn Council (www.craftyarnCouncil.com) or you may risk disqualification. Where possible, we will request patterns to be emailed.

New: Patterns that have been tested will be received more favorably and given preference during judging. Status of testing and name of tester should be included with entry.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RESCIND ANY PRIZES IF PATTERN IS NOT WRITTEN CLEARLY AND CORRECTLY ENOUGH FOR OUR CUSTOMERS TO RECREATE THE ITEM FROM THE PATTERN SUBMITTED TO US.

ENTERING THE KNIT OR CROCHET CONTEST

1. A completed Entry Form and Fee must be in our office before June 21, 2024.
A fee of \$10 for one entry, (\$5 for each additional entry), must accompany the entry form. This non-refundable fee is for the handling, repacking, insurance and return of your project(s). Return shipping of entries will begin after judging has been completed. **DO NOT send completed projects at this time!**
2. Cut out and firmly attach the completed 4 x 4" **Entry Tag** (below) to the front, at bottom right hand corner, of each entry with information CLEARLY printed in ink. Any project received without an Entry Tag will not be considered during the judging. Each project will be assigned a number as they are received. **Again, send only your project, not the pattern.**
3. To be eligible, completed projects must be received by July 23, 2024. Any entry received after July 23rd will be returned to the sender. If your project is not completed or does not reach Mary Maxim by the contest date, No Refunds will be made. Mary Maxim is not responsible for damage or loss occurring in transit. Judging will take place at the beginning of August 2024. All winners will be notified by phone by August 19, 2024.

Please send your entry to:

Mary Maxim Inc.
2024 Knit and Crochet Contest
Attn: Becky Symons
2001 Holland Ave
Port Huron, MI 48060

We are grateful to the following sponsors for their participation:

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Entry Tag

Attach to the front of the bottom right hand corner of entry.
Complete in ink

Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name of your design: _____

Category entered: _____

Pattern Tested Pattern NOT Tested

Pattern Tester Contact Information:



Category	Entry #
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Do Not Write in above boxes, for Office Use Only

2024 KNIT AND CROCHET CONTEST ENTRY FORM

First and Last Name: (please print)

Mailing Address: (No P.O. Boxes Please)

City: State: Zip:

Telephone Number : Daytime Evening:

Email Address:

\$10 entry fee enclosed for 1 project (This fee includes processing, packing, insurance and shipping to return your project).

\$5 for each additional project entered.

Total number of projects entered. (Please make check or money order payable to Mary Maxim)

If you would like to pay by credit card:

Credit Card: Visa MASTER CARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Name On Credit Card

Card Number Expiration Date

Signature 3 digit security code

CATEGORY ENTERED: If you are entering more than 4 projects, please make a copy of this form. Please include all information about your project(s) in the space provided on the back of this form.

PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KNIT BY HAND AFGHAN (K)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CROCHET AFGHAN (C)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BABY BLANKET (knit or crochet) (B)

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE!

Upon winning, the Grand Prize Winner and all First and Second Place prize winning projects and instructions for same, will become the sole property of Mary Maxim Inc., with Mary Maxim Inc. holding all copyrights and distribution rights to these patterns. PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CAREFULLY FOR ALL DETAILS.

When sending your completed project, **ask your sending company (UPS or USPS) for an Acknowledgment of Delivery.** This will give you the added assurance that your project has reached us. All packages received will be secured, to ensure that none of the projects are misplaced or soiled. If there is evidence of a shipping problem when the project is received, you will be contacted.

Send completed project(s) with completed entry tag(s) (see rules for information on tags), to be received by June 21st to:

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Port Huron, MI 48060

IMPORTANT: You must fill out this portion of your form completely, to aid us in identifying your project(s)!

PROJECT #1 - Name & Description (Color, Stitches Used)

Size: inches wide by inches long (Do not include fringe length)

Brand and Name of Yarn Used: (keep ball bands if possible)

Yards of each color:

Crochet Hook or Knitting Needles used - be sure to list all sizes used:

PROJECT #2 - Name & Description (Color, Stitches Used)

Size: inches wide by inches long (Do not include fringe length)

Brand and Name of Yarn Used: (keep ball bands if possible)

Yards of each color:

Crochet Hook or Knitting Needles used - be sure to list all sizes used:

PROJECT #3 - Name & Description (Color, Stitches Used)

Size: inches wide by inches long (Do not include fringe length)

Brand and Name of Yarn Used: (keep ball bands if possible)

Yards of each color:

Crochet Hook or Knitting Needles used - be sure to list all sizes used:

PROJECT #4 - Name & Description (Color, Stitches Used)

Size: inches wide by inches long (Do not include fringe length)

Brand and Name of Yarn Used: (keep ball bands if possible)

Yards of each color:

Crochet Hook or Knitting Needles used - be sure to list all sizes used:

SHIPPING YOUR PROJECT(S)

To be eligible, projects must be received by July 23, 2024. Any entry received after July 23rd will be returned to sender. Mary Maxim is not responsible for damage or loss occurring in transit.

Winners will be notified by phone by August 19, 2024.

Important: If your address changes after entering, please notify us as soon as possible in order to ensure the return of your project(s).

Please pin your completed Entry Tag (see rules for new instructions) on the front lower right-hand corner of each project that you have entered.