

2024 Yummy Yarn and co Winter Sockstice Festival (YYC WSF)

Celebrate the Sock Competition

Express your creativity and personality through handmade socks

Welcome to the 2nd Annual Yummy Yarn and co Winter Sockstice Festival. A celebration of all things socks and handmade. Sock knitting has been around for centuries and is again super popular with crocheters and knitters. Let's celebrate the humble sock and the perfect time of the year is, of course, the Winter Solstice.

Your entries can either be knitted or crocheted. It would be wonderful to see just as many crocheted socks as knitted ones. Don't knit or crochet? Don't worry, there is a category for you as well. All monies raised during the Festival will be donated to the Pink Angels Inc, a Dubbo not-for-profit organisation which supports local breast cancer patients.

Definition of handmade socks: The socks must come in a pair and fit a human foot, eg, a baby bootie will not be accepted but baby socks will. They cannot be slippers nor can they be a Christmas stocking size.

Categories: *(The winner of each category will receive a \$100 voucher from Yummy Yarn and co)*

1. **Odd Socks** – socks that look completely different but somehow belong together.
2. **Stylishly Scrappy or Stripey** – if you think it fits into this category, it probably will!
3. **Stunningly Stupendous Socks** – celebrate your sock making skills with advanced techniques such as detailed lacework, fairisle, intarsia, fancy cables etc.
4. **Mended Socks** – in this section your socks can be either handmade or commercially made but have been creatively mended/embellished using slow stitching, darning or patching techniques to showcase your creativity and resourcefulness.
5. **Newbie Sock Maker** – is this your first ever pair of knitted or crocheted socks? We want your entry too. They don't have to be perfect, just having a go is important!
6. **General Socks** – don't fit into any of the above categories? Your socks belong here.

Conditions of Entry:

Australian residents only. Post to Yummy Yarn and co, 29 Talbragar Street, Dubbo, NSW, 2830. Entries must be received by close of business Friday, 14th June 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.

Please send **a prepaid and self addressed satchel** for return socks. If a prepaid satchel is not enclosed with your entry(s) the socks will be put up for blind auction/sale with all proceeds going to the Pink Angels Inc. We hope lots of entrants will donate their awesome socks for sale but it is not mandatory.

As this is only the second year of the YYC Winter Sockstice Festival competition, socks that have been made within the last 2 years are eligible for entry (as long as they have not been previously entered in the 2023 Festival).

Socks must come in pairs and must be either knitted or crocheted using 4ply, 5ply, 8ply or 10ply wools or cottons. They do not have to be made in sock wool, you can use wool or cottons blends. Socks must be in a clean and wearable condition.

Three pairs of socks maximum entries per person.

Each entry must be **safety pinned or securely tied together as a pair** and must be accompanied by a completed swing tag. Each entry must have its own swing tag. We would love to hear the "Back Story" of your socks however this is optional.

Whilst all care will be taken with your handmade products, Yummy Yarn and co cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of socks.

Yummy Yarn and co and the YYC Winter Sockstice Festival reserves the right to use images of works entered free of charge for any social media, promotion or publication.

By entering the competition you understand all conditions.

If you have any questions, please visit the FAQ page under the Winter Sockstice Festival tab of the Yummy Yarn and co website. If you still have a question after reading this page, contact yummyyarnandco@gmail.com

Detach here and send with your entry(s)



I hereby certify that the entry(s) are my own handmade originals. I agree to the above conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have enclosed **a self addressed prepaid** satchel so that my socks can be returned.

OR

I want my socks to be put up for blind auction/sale and all monies donated to Pink Angels Inc.
If your socks are for sale can you please give a size guide here _____

Swing Tag – *Please print one swing tag per entry*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Instagram: _____

Category: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)

Please credit sock pattern/design or source of inspiration: _____

What is the back story of your socks?

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