

# mary maxim

## 2010 KNIT OR CROCHET CONTEST

### RULES AND ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries will be divided into 5 categories: Knit Afghan, Crochet Afghan, Baby (Knit or Crochet) Afghan, Adult, Child or Baby Garment, or Holiday (Knit or Crochet) Craft. Holiday Crafts do not include afghans.

All categories will be judged separately. Please try to keep full size afghans approximately 48 x 60" in size; Baby afghans approximately 32 x 42" in size or as close as possible. We realize some afghans will finish bigger 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.

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 below). We also request that all yarns used should be current and readily available (you can 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 - they will not be judged.

One first place winning entry will be chosen from each category and awarded a \$500 cash prize. The GRAND PRIZE WINNER will be selected from these five winners and will be awarded an additional \$1500 cash prize. All winners will have their names appear with their winning entry in our Christmas 2010 publication. All first 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. These projects will be returned after we have completed final patterns and photography. These entries may also appear in our December 2010 publication or in a later publication along with the designers name.

When designing your entry, **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** to keep accurate count of materials you use, including types of yarn, yardage (not ounces) of each color, needles, hooks and any other accessories that you use. 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 or you may risk disqualification. Where possible, we will request patterns to be emailed.

# ENTERING THE KNIT OR CROCHET CONTEST

1. A completed Entry Form and Fee must be in our office before May 14th, 2010.

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. Firmly attach a 4 x 4" piece of paper (this is your Entry Tag) to the bottom right hand corner of each entry with the following information CLEARLY printed in ink. Any project received without an Entry Tag will not be considered during the judging. Each project will be assigned an number as they are received.

Name  
Complete Mailing Address  
Email Address  
Phone Number  
Name of your Design  
Category entered

**Again, send only your project, not the pattern.**

3. To be eligible, completed projects must be received by June 15th, 2010. Any entry received after June 15th will be returned to the sender. If your project is not completed or does not reach Mary Maxim by the appropriate date, No Refunds will be made. *Mary Maxim in not responsible for damage or loss occurring in transit.* Judging will take place before the end of June 2010.

All winners will be notified by phone following the judging.

**Please send your entry to:**

Mary Maxim Inc.  
Attn: Becky Symons  
2001 Holland Ave  
Port Huron, MI 48060

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