

# Knitting & Crocheting Guidelines

## Appearance and Attractiveness

- Yarn should be appropriate to type of garment
- Proportions correct
- Good color combinations
- Article should be clean
  - If it is washed, it should not be shrunk or matted
- Blocking
  - Should be smooth ..... not pressed out of shape

## Workmanship

- Even stitches and tension
  - No dropped, split or slipped stitches
  - No twisted stitches
  - Not loose or tight in spots, especially in designs
  - When carrying colors, work yarn in at least every 3 or 4 stitches
- Casting on or binding off
  - Loose enough to be elastic, not too loose or too tight
- Joining yarn - knots are acceptable as long as they are concealed
  - Tie new ball of yarn on at end of row, later untie and weave into section
  - If splicing, in middle of row be sure no bulky ends are showing. Weave ends along row on back of stitches.
- No long loops or strings of yarn
  - Weave into knitting or seams
  - (This applies to knit in pattern also. Long strips detract from appearance, also catch and pull knitting out of shape)
- Seams
  - As inconspicuous as possible
  - Smooth....not puckered or bunched
  - Durable....according to type of garment. Remember there are many different ways to sew or weave a seam
- Reinforcements .... if necessary for appearance and durability of garment perhaps to keep front from curling; to reinforce shoulder seams; to reinforce buttonholes.
  - Use grosgrain ribbon down front, sewn by hand or machine
  - Lining ... entire or part of garment
- Buttonholes
  - Neat
  - Durable
    - Make by hand with buttonhole stitch.
      - Use yarn if not bulky -- may split yarn if too heavy. Use matching thread.
    - Make by machine
      - Can be made through year and reinforcement at same time.
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- **Decorative Edges**

If necessary for finish or garment or attractiveness, such as slippers, etc.

Should be appropriate and neat

You should never let your own personal preferences as to color, weight of yarn and seam sewing enter into the evaluation as such. Try and be a little more lenient with first year projects since most youngsters have a difficult time just learning the basics in knitting and crocheting let alone making an article.

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