

The Sherborne Vase Challenge 2018

The **Sherborne Vase** was donated by Sherborne and District MKC to challenge groups of at least five people working together. With agreement from the Sherborne Club, a few changes have been made since it was introduced in 2002, but the principle remains the same.

The challenge

Design and knit a set of at least three co-ordinating cushions covers, with a theme of your choice connecting them. Each cover is to fit a standard sized cushion pad that can be obtained from a major retail outlet, but a set can be of mixed sizes.

The judges must be able to insert and remove a cushion pad, so an opening/fastening of some sort is required. As these are practical items, the ability to clean the cushion covers also must be factored into your design.

The judges will be looking for originality, creativity, an appropriate choice of techniques and yarn, appropriate and consistent tension, and a high standard of finish, as well as the visual appeal of the cushion covers and the theme connecting them.

The rules

1. Each entry must be worked on by a group of at least three people, and the majority of the group must be Guild members. The names (and membership numbers of Guild members) of all those working on the entry must be included on the entry form.
2. All major components *must* be machine knitted, and 90% of the entry as a whole *must* be machine knitted. Beading, embroidery, and non-knitted trimmings are permitted but must total less than 10% of an entry.
3. Each entry must be packed into a box or mailing bag that complies with the Royal Mail Small Parcel range of **Max length: 45cm, Max width: 35cm, Max depth: 16cm, Max weight: 2kg**. (It could be smaller.)
4. The judges need some additional information about how you worked together as a group: who did what, what problems you encountered and how they were overcome. This challenge is for a collaborative effort, worked on equally by the participating knitters.

A small tag may be attached to each individual item identifying it as A, B, C and so on to help in the description of the work, but the tag must not contain any other information or identifying marks.

5. The judges' decision is final.
6. All entries will be displayed at the National Guild Day and AGM on Saturday 9 June 2018.

Entries can then 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 the entry or donating it to the charity of our choice.

Closing date for submission of entry: Friday 4th May 2018

Please send your entry to:

Guild of Machine Knitters 2018 Challenge c/o Liz Holness, 166 Tavistock Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 4HG

GUILD OF MACHINE KNITTERS



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Please submit this form with your entry for the **Sherborne Vase** only.

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Club/Group Name.....

Contact Address.....

.....**Post Code**.....

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

Participant Names and Membership Numbers (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Techniques used	Machines used
	Yarns used

Information for judges (on a *separate* attached sheet, please):

- how you worked together as a group (who did what, describing yourselves as knitter 1, knitter 2, etc)
- what problems you encountered and how they were overcome

We agree that our entry may be exhibited and that our Group name and a photograph of the entry placed in the Guild Newsletter, on the Guild website and in other material used to promote the Guild (whether printed or online).

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 return postage for your entry if it is to be posted back. This may be sent separately, but if so please clearly indicate your name and address so we can match it to your entry. Please make cheques payable to *Guild of Machine Knitters*