

# CKC Community Collection

## TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR KNITTED AND CROCHETED ITEMS

Center for Knit and Crochet's [Community Collection](#) is a vital collection MADE BY YOU in CKC's emerging digital museum for knitting and crochet. When you upload an item to the digital museum, the photos should be as clear and crisp as possible, in digital format. You can upload multiple photos up to a total of 25MB. If you have print photos, scan them and save as jpg files. Feel free to use your cell phone or tablet to take pictures if you don't have a digital camera.

### General:

**Photos must be in focus.** Take several shots of the same piece with different focus settings and choose the one that is best.

**Remove unnecessary objects from the photo area.** The crocheted or knitted item should be the focal point.

**Diffuse light is best for photography.** If possible, take pictures outside on a bright, overcast day. OR photograph inside near a window, with bright, indirect light. Direct sunlight casts harsh shadows, which is why overcast or indirect light is best for photography.

**Use natural light whenever possible.** Avoid using a flash if you can.

**Avoid photographing your own shadow.**

### For Small Items:

**Place the item on a plain background which does not reflect light.** Some good backgrounds for photos like this are felt, stone, or plain fabric.

**Take a picture of the entire item, straight-on.** You can place small items on the floor and stand over them for photography, making sure the outline of your shadow doesn't enter the picture.

**If you want to, take a close-up picture of some important or beautiful detail.** Be sure it is in focus. You can also add a ruler to a photo to show scale or size.

### For Large Items:

**Decide which part of the large item is most important.** Is it made of pretty motifs? Does it have a lovely panel or trim?

**Photograph the important section or sections of the piece straight-on.** For instance, spread a corner section out flat and photograph it.

**Finally, photograph the item where it would normally be.** Place a tablecloth on a table, bedspread on a bed, and so on.

You may need to use a flash for this. Use your judgment.

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