



(Effective 11/22/11)

Dear Master's Candidate,

I want to first take a moment to say Congratulations for taking the step forward to begin and complete your journey to become a Master in Crochet Advanced Stitches and Techniques! You have started a worthwhile program that I hope you will not only enjoy, but also learn a lot along the way!

There have been some changes in the past few months, and I thought I had better take the time to let you know what they all are so that you are prepared.

1. You have **NO DEADLINE** to turn the portfolio in. You can take as long as you need to get it right. The goal of this program is for you to show that you have become a Master in your stitches. It could take three months, or it could take three years! Please do not stress about how long it takes you to complete the program. We want you to enjoy the journey! Once your portfolio is ready, notify [Masters@Crochet.org](mailto:Masters@Crochet.org) for information on when and where to submit it for review. (Note that there has been a large backlog in setting review assignments, so we appreciate your patience.)
2. Effective immediately, you must use the following guidelines to complete the program:
  - a. **No thread** portfolios are accepted. They will be sent back immediately for a re-submission (unless you have already notified us that you've completed your portfolio as of October 20, 2011 and are on the waiting list for portfolio review). This is not a program in Thread. It is basic stitches. Later on a Thread Program will be added. If you are already on the waiting list, PLEASE inform us (through the same channel that you informed us that the portfolio is complete) that your portfolio is in thread so that when the time comes we can route to the reviewer who is willing to take thread.
  - b. Use **ONLY** Worsted Weight **ACRYLIC** Yarn. (NO WOOL, cotton or other natural fibers). This is due to the fact that many of our reviewers have allergies.
  - c. **Colors:** Light colors. Please do not use NEON colors. No Variegated, Ombres, or Striping yarns. Everything needs to be solid color. Also, only use ONE color throughout the portfolio unless the swatch actually ASKS for changing colors. (Pick one color as your main color then add a complementing color for the color changing swatches.)
3. We have a **Ravelry Group for the CGOA Master's Program!** We created this group to help you on your way to receiving Master's recognition. You can find the group here: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/cgoa-masters-program> and we hope you will join us and ask any questions you have about the program. I, as well as the reviewers, watch this group for questions and to help answer anything you may need. If you are not comfortable in a group situation, you can always contact us through [Masters@Crochet.org](mailto:Masters@Crochet.org) with all details so your message can be forwarded to us to get help as well!
4. In 2012, we will be holding **Crochet Master's Day** in both Manchester, NH in June and Reno, NV in September. This 4 hour session will be specifically for anyone who is currently enrolled in the program and/or is interested in finding out MORE about the program and what it entails. Keep watching for more information.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you have. We are here to help! We want you to be successful and we will do everything we can to help.

Enjoy the journey!

*Karen Whooley*  
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Liaison to the Master's Committee