

# Tahki Donegal Tweed Design Contest



*Vogue Knitting* is proud to announce the **Tahki Donegal Tweed Design Contest**, celebrating 50 years of this iconic yarn. Sponsored by Tahki Yarns, and KnittingTours.com, the design contest is open to all knitters with an interest in design. All entrants will compete for the 10-Night Aran Islands, Donegal & Causeway Coast Knitting Tour Grand Prize provided by KnittingTours.com, along with other prizes.

Winning entries will be featured in a future issue of *Vogue Knitting* and will be showcased at Vogue Knitting LIVE, held in New York City January 2019. An international jury of hand-knitting experts will judge entries based on overall concept, uniqueness of vision, and technical execution.

## ELIGIBILITY

Knitters of all levels are encouraged to submit their original Tahki Donegal Tweed designs.

The design contest will only accept hand-knit women's fashion garments (sweaters, tops, skirts, dresses, shawls, etc.). Multi-piece garments will be judged as a single garment. A maximum of four (4) entries per entrant will be accepted. Only hand-knit garments will be accepted. Only designs by individuals will be accepted. Crochet and embellishment may be added. We value creativity.

Please hand-knit your garment sized for women's small to medium. Entries must follow the standard sizing guidelines found at [www.yarnstandards.com](http://www.yarnstandards.com)

For all submitted entries, at least **75% of the garment must be knit in Tahki Donegal Tweed (both weights of the yarn are acceptable for use in the contest)**, and the remaining portion of the garment **must be in Tahki yarn**. When designing your garment, please keep ALL ball bands of all yarns used, as finalists will be required to submit ALL ball bands with the garment. For information on finding Tahki yarns, please visit [tahkistacycharles.com/store-locator](http://tahkistacycharles.com/store-locator)

Previously published designs are not eligible for submission. This includes web publishing as well as self-publishing.

All decisions by the jury will be final and binding. SoHo Publishing, Tahki Yarns, and KnittingTours.com may revise these rules at any time at their sole discretion. The contest is not open to any employee of Soho Publishing, Tahki Yarns or KnittingTours.com or any subsidiaries or companies under their common control.

#### ORIGINAL DESIGNS

All submitted designs must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe upon the copyrights or other intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. SoHo Publishing and *Vogue Knitting* reserve the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to disqualify at any time during the Design Contest any submitted design that it believes may infringe on the rights of any third parties. All winning entries and submitted designs with corresponding patterns and garment samples become the sole property of *Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns, without further compensation, to be used or not used at their discretion, and will not be returned.

If you are not selected as a finalist, you may post or sell the pattern of your entry after January 27, 2019, upon the close of the event at which winners will be announced.

#### PATTERN PUBLICATION RIGHTS

*Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns reserve the right to publish patterns of winning entries and finalists. Designer will be cited on the pattern. Patterns for garments by the winners and finalists become the property of *Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns.

#### CONTEST OVERVIEW

Part #1: Preliminaries

All entries and photos are due by November 30, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

To enter the competition, please fill out the Tahki **Donegal Tweed Design Contest Form** and include 3-5 photos of each submitted garment\* by November 30, 2018, to *Vogue Knitting*. Submit your garment images as well as the signed entry form via one of the following methods:

Email: [contests@vogueknitting.com](mailto:contests@vogueknitting.com)

Subject Line: Tahki **Donegal Tweed Design Contest**

Mail: Tahki **Donegal Tweed Design Contest**

104 West 27th Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10001

\*For each submitted garment, please include 3–5 color photos, including front and back views, as well as construction details such as seams, closures, and length. We strongly urge you to take photos of your garment on a mannequin or model in natural light. We will only accept jpeg files, and the files should not be any larger than 500kb (72dpi and 500 pixels). Please name each photo file using the following naming convention: [designername].[designname].[photo#].jpg. For example, Karen Smith designs the Jane Pullover and provides a few photos, the third of which would be: karensmith.janepullover.3.jpg. Should Karen submit another design, an open cardigan, that would be karensmith.lacycardigan.2.jpg.

Your photos will be judged anonymously by a group of impartial industry experts. Judging will occur the week of December 3, 2018, and the jury will decide which submissions will move forward to become finalists.

#### Part #2: Finalists

Following the preliminaries, *Vogue Knitting* will begin sending notices to finalists starting December 7, 2018. If you have not heard from *Vogue Knitting* by December 17, 2018, we regret to inform you that your design did not make it to the finalist level.

Finalists will be asked to send their garments and ALL ball bands (at their own shipping expense) to *Vogue Knitting* to arrive no later than December 21, 2018. Shipping details will be provided to finalists. *Vogue Knitting* and Soho Publishing LLC are not responsible for shipping costs or any loss or tampering to garment during shipping or Vogue Knitting LIVE.

Return of Entries: *Vogue Knitting* reserves the right to keep samples provided by all finalists indefinitely.

#### Part #3: Final Judging

Final judging will take place at Vogue Knitting LIVE New York, January 25–27, 2019, by a group of impartial industry experts. Winners will be announced during the Tahki Donegal Tweed Fashion Show at Vogue Knitting LIVE New York on January 26, 2019. Finalists do not have to be present to win.

#### Grand Prize Winner

- 10–Night Aran Islands, Donegal & Causeway Coast Knitting Tour furnished by KnittingTours.com for the winner and a guest
  - *Transfers on arrival and departure by private coach (for arrivals prior to 11 a.m.)*

- *Sightseeing as per itinerary with the tour in a luxury coach driven by an experienced driver and with an accredited guide, entrance fees included if applicable*
- *Accommodation in rooms with private facilities for 10 nights*
- *Irish breakfast daily*
- *5 hotel table d'hote dinners*
- *4 sit down lunches/1 packed lunch*
- *1 Farewell Dinner*
- *Entrance to the following attractions: Giant's Causeway, Dunluce Castle, Slieve League Cliffs, Dún Aonghasa*
- *Return ferry to Inis Mór, Aran Islands, including Inis Mór Guided Tour*
- *Mourne Alpaca Farm Visit*
- *Belleek Pottery Factory Tour*
- *Foxford Woollen Mills Factory Tour*
- *Studio Donegal Weaving Demonstration*

#### ***Workshops/Knitting Activities Included in This Tour***

- *Spinning & Tapestry Workshop with Aine Dunne*
- *Knitting Workshop with Edel MacBride from Knitfield*
- *Knitting Workshop with Ciara Ní Reachtnín*
- *Knitting Workshop with Lisa Sisk from This is Knit*
- *Meeting with local designer at the Constant Knitter*

Airfare is not included. Winner (and guest) must have a valid passport and trip must be used in 2019. 2019 trip departure dates are May 11, 2019, July 6, 2019 or September 7, 2019.

This prize is for 2 places on [KnittingTours.Com](http://KnittingTours.Com)'s [10 Night Aran Islands, Donegal & Causeway Coast Tour](#) on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> July or 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019, subject to individual departure dates being available. If the winner's requested date is not available we will offer 2 places on one of our 2020 departures as an alternative or a voucher for one of our other tours to the same value. The tour must be booked by the 1st March 2019. The prize offered is for 2 persons sharing in a twin or double room. No flights are included. No cash alternative will be offered. For more information on [KnittingTours.Com](http://KnittingTours.Com) please visit their website [www.knittingtours.com](http://www.knittingtours.com)

- Gift basket filled with \$200 worth of Tahki Yarns and other goodies.
- *Vogue Knitting* Editorial Feature: The winning garment and instructions will be styled and photographed for publication in *Vogue Knitting* magazine.

- Class Package at a future Vogue Knitting LIVE featuring 3 classes, 3 lectures, and a 3-day Marketplace ticket. Must be used within 1 year of winning. Estimated value: \$250
- Tahki Yarns Press Coverage: Winning design will be featured on the Tahki Yarns websites and in other media.

#### 1st Runner-Up

- Gift basket filled with \$200 worth of Tahki Yarns and other goodies.
- The winning garment and instructions will be styled and photographed for publication in an editorial feature in *Vogue Knitting* magazine.
- Class Package at a future Vogue Knitting LIVE featuring 3 classes, 3 lectures, and a 3-day Marketplace ticket. Must be used within 1 year of winning. Estimated value: \$250.
- Tahki Yarns Press Coverage: Winning design will be featured on the Tahki Yarns websites and in other media.

#### 2nd Runner-Up

- Gift basket filled with \$200 worth of Tahki Yarns and other goodies.
- The winning garment and instructions will be styled and photographed for publication in an editorial feature in *Vogue Knitting* magazine.
- Class Package at a future Vogue Knitting LIVE featuring 3 classes, 3 lectures, and a 3-day Marketplace ticket. Must be used within 1 year of winning. Estimated value: \$250.
- Tahki Yarns Press Coverage: Winning design will be featured on the Tahki Yarns websites and in other media.

#### All Finalists

##### Vogue Knitting LIVE Access

- One 3-Day Marketplace Ticket to Vogue Knitting LIVE New York 2019
- One FREE lecture at Vogue Knitting LIVE New York 2019 (dependent upon availability)

Finalists are not required to attend Vogue Knitting LIVE New York. You do not need to be present to win.

## TAHKI DONEGAL TWEED DESIGN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

The design contest opens at midnight September 4, 2018. The last day to submit a design is November 30, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

This contest is open to knitters of all ages, but please let us know if you are a student.

I am a student currently enrolled in an accredited high school, college, or university. (Please include a letter confirming your attendance with your application.)

### Design Submission

Designer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your name as you would like it to be published)

Design Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yarn(s) Used: Please provide the yarn brand name(s), color(s)/number(s), and quantity. When you are notified that you have become a finalist, we will ask you to submit all ball bands.

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Yarn(s) Purchased: Please provide the name(s) of the retail or wholesale supplier(s) of the yarn(s) used for this project. REMINDER: at least **75% of the garment must be knit in Tahki Donegal Tweed**, and the remaining portion of the garment **must be in Tahki yarn**. For information on finding Tahki yarns, please visit [tahkistacycharles.com/store-locator](http://tahkistacycharles.com/store-locator)

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Designers are expected to keep construction notes while creating their designs. If you are chosen as a winner, *Vogue Knitting* will contact you to talk about your design process, gauge, needle sizes, etc., for the purpose of creating a professional knitting pattern for publication. Although you do not need to provide a pattern for this contest, it is imperative for designers to treat their projects in a way that recognizes possible future publication.

**Attesting Statement and Agreement:**

I attest that the submitted design is my own original design and has not been previously published. By my submitting a garment(s) to the Tahki Donegal Tweed Design Contest sponsored by Tahki Yarns, and KnittingTours.com, I do hereby release the design pattern and garment to *Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns for publication should I be chosen as a finalist or winner. My pattern and sample garment will become the sole property of *Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns. If I am named a winner of this contest, *Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns will own global rights to the design and sample garment and can sell or distribute it through *Vogue Knitting*, and Tahki Yarns. In order to be considered, submissions must adhere to the official rules of Tahki Donegal Tweed Design Contest. By signing this entry form, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to adhere to the official rules of this contest, and that all decisions of the jury will be final and binding.

Name: (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_