

FIBRE DESIGNERS GUIDELINES

1. The Society encourages craft workers to design and create works, using motif, material, inspiration and social commentary drawn from the Australian experience and Australia's cultural diversity.
2. All articles presented for selection or exhibition and sale shall be original and creative in concept and design. The works shall demonstrate a high level of technical skill and present the highest possible standard of craftsmanship at all times.
3. The Society encourages craft workers to make contemporary work. The tone, texture or form may be inspired, for example, by fashion, tradition, colour and pattern, culture, landscape, or a fleeting memory.
4. Craft workers are encouraged to continually assess their work and to research and initiate new concepts, forms, techniques and applications and to disseminate these by sharing information through discussion, writings and teaching.

Fibre Designers Criteria:

Garments made from hand woven, felted, knitted, crocheted fabric must:

- be creative, contemporary, and personal designs
- comply with copyright requirements
- show a suitability of fibre/ yarn /fabric for the end product
- have a high standard of finish in making up on seams, necklines, buttons, findings, linings and finishes etc resulting in an article of elegant line and modern proportion
- carry a care label if required. Care labels which will last the life of the article are required by law to be sewn in to the garments.
- carry a label which shows fibre content, listed in order of decreasing proportions.

A title, photo or explanation of the inspiration for the design is optional

Hand spun yarns:

- may be spun from natural or synthetic fibre or combinations of these and labelled "handspun from.....%.....fibre(s)" or
- may be a combination of the above with a commercially spun yarn and labelled "handspun yarn, spun from.....%.....fibre(s), combined with.....yarn",
- but cannot be two commercial yarns plied.

Skeins of Yarn shall indicate

- weight in grams and ounces
- fibre content
- approximate length of yarn in skein in yards and metres
- an approximate ply equivalent and suggested needles
- suggested wording: "Please knit a tension square to check sizing before beginning a garment."

Articles made entirely from handspun yarn may be embellished with other materials at any stage of the design and clearly labelled stating the percentage of handspun yarn used and /or percentage of commercial yarn used.