

# ChristaKnits Podcast Questions for knitting designers

Please do read through the questions, and feel free to leave out any that you don't feel comfortable answering.. and add any that you wish I would have asked!

If you haven't done much recording on the computer you will be using, you can send me a short sample clip so I can confirm the quality of your recorded sound.

Guest interviewers are welcome, too! Do you have a friend or family member who wants to play the role of interviewer? Just make sure that their voice can be heard at the same level as yours, and record away! Side comments and conversational tangents are welcome – let the topics take you wherever they may!

## Personal Introduction

Who are you?

What do you do? (daily job)

What makes you interesting? (longer answer, go multi-directional if you want!)

Why did you get to be interviewed? (how did you get connected with the podcast?)

## General design questions

What was your first original design? What, when, why, how, who...

What was your least successful design? What, when, why, how, who...

Will you revisit it to work it into something better?

What are your design inspirations?

Is there a size range and demographic that you think of when you are designing?

What inspires your yarn and colour choices?

What are your favourite textures? Knit/purl, cables, lace, ...?

What are your favourite colour combinations?

Do you work with stripes, Fair Isle or intarsia? What do you prefer?

Do you have a favourite gauge or yarn weight for designing?

Is there a particular line of yarns that you work with?

What is it about that yarn company that speaks to you?

What yarn would you like to highlight? Why do you enjoy it?

Do you use handpainted yarns, or novelty textures?

What's your favourite aspect of designing knitting projects? Least favourite?

How do you choose names for your designs?

Are there alterations that you commonly make when you knit garments for yourself or others?

Do you include tips for these alterations in your patterns?

### About a specific pattern

- What is your most famous pattern?
- How did it become known?
- Where is it published/available?
- How did this pattern start life (describe initial idea or thought process)
- What yarn did you use, and why?
- Which came first, the pattern or the finished object?
- Did you knit it?
- Do you use test knitters?
- How many edits did you get?
- How many of your most popular patterns have you sold?

### Technical and business questions

- How do you find test knitters? Do you pay them? Do you provide yarn?
- How much time do you spend on writing the pattern down vs knitting it?
- Do you do the photography and layout yourself? If not, who does it for you?
- What software was used for the final pattern design and layout?
- How do you set your prices?
- Do you wholesale to retailers? How did you find these yarn stores to carry your patterns?
- Do you provide errata listings or pattern support online somewhere?

### Knitting in your life

- Who taught you to knit?
- When was it?
- Have you knitted ever since, or did you return to knitting more recently?
- How much do you knit now, and how much is personal knitting vs work knitting?
- What sort of involvement do you have in your local knitting community?

### Questions about resources and other knitting designers

- What's on your knitting bookshelf? What gets opened most often?
- Have you knit things from other knitting designers? Who/what?

Do you have a favourite charity you'd like to mention? (email me links for the show notes, too)

Promote yourself – where can we find your website or patterns? (email me these links too, to make sure I get the spelling right for the show notes)

That's it for my questions... if you have other things you'd like to discuss regarding your knitting design, please feel free! Talk about the things you find interesting, that speak to your passion for knitting and designing.. and have fun! Thanks so much for being involved with this, and do let me know if you have any questions!

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