

## **KNIT: a KNitting Inaugural Tournament**

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*Buzz on, with confidence and hope, through all crises*

1. **One variety of this technique involves wrapping yarn around two needles simultaneously. That method is used in similar circumstances to another example of this technique, which was popularized in a 2006 Knitty article by Judy Becker. A reversible type of this technique was legendarily learned in a restaurant from its namesake, the Chinese waitress. Toe-up socks require specialized kinds of this technique, including the Turkish and (\*) Judy's Magic examples of it. When this method is performed on waste yarn that is later removed, it is called "provisional". A simple method of this type is called "backward loop" and is used as a basis for its "long-tail" version. For 10 points, name this technique that starts a knitting project, in which new stitches are created.**

ANSWER: **casting on** [accept **Turkish**, **Judy's Magic**, **Chinese Waitress**, **provisional**, **backward loop**, or **long-tail cast on**, prompt on **CO**]

2. **This website, which was described as one of the "most successful deployments of Ruby on Rails", anticipated Facebook-style reactions by almost a decade. Newcomers to this site automatically see the "Big 6" boards and can view new posts in real time using "radar". Other forums on this site include its oldest, "Boston Terrier Owners and Lovers," which was founded in 2007 in honor of its mascot (\*) Bob. This website sparked debate and media attention in June 2019, when it expanded its anti-hate-group policy to ban support for Donald Trump. This website started as a central knitting database and now garners 125 million monthly pageviews from its 9 million users. For 10 points, name this social network run by Cassidy and Jess, the Code Monkey and Mama Rav.**

ANSWER: **Ravelry**

3. **One subtype of this technique is used in the stitch patterns for the Young, Scrappy, and Cozy cowl and General Hogbuffer's Pucker socks. This technique may be used, as in the Aquaphobia socks, with heavily variegated yarns to interrupt pooling. This technique is used to create a dense fabric with horizontal bars in front of alternating stitches in the Linen Stitch. The "pss" abbreviation instructs knitters to (\*) "pass over" a stitch of this type. Barbara Walker first described color patterns that use this technique with the term "mosaic knitting", and also coined the now-common abbreviations for doing this technique "with yarn in front" or "in back". For 10 points, name this type of stitch, which is moved from the left to right needle without being knit.**

ANSWER: **slipped stitches** [accept **mosaic** knitting before "Aquaphobia"]

4. **A mitten pattern from this designer features four-strand braids on either side of a central cable that encloses clusters of three bobbles. In addition to Green Autumn, this designer produced a Walt Whitman-inspired pi shawl called Leaves of Grass, which uses their Loft fingering-weight yarn. This designer's "Classic" patterns include a pullover with a garter stitch yoke for which it is named. In a 2007 Interweave hat by this designer, 1-stitch cables develop from 2-by-2 ribbing and (\*) spiral around the head. A free hat from this designer of the Cobblestone Pullover uses four sets of raglan-style decreases to create its namesake right angles at the top of the head. For 10 points, name this man who designed the Koolhaas and Turn a Square hats, the originator of the brand "Brooklyn Tweed."**

ANSWER: Jared **Flood** [accept **Brooklyn Tweed** before mention]

5. **A 2010 lawsuit alleged that this company's ads appeared as search results for terms like "Cascade 220". A 2008 Ravelry post first noted that this brand's products were not available in a certain location, and the meme persisted even though this brand now ships to Scotland. A February 2013 blog post from this brand's CEO expressed regret over a "troubling event" resulting from "exploited (\*) server software." That post responded to outrage that this company had failed to inform customers that their credit card information had been leaked. Fans were disappointed when this company moved manufacturing from to China from Turkey, resulting in quality decreases in yarns like Brava. For 10 points, name this online discount yarn retailer, which sells the Felici and Wool of the Andes lines.**

ANSWER: **Knitpicks**

6. Suzanne Kitzmann's Rainbow Socks create diagonal lines on the legs using this technique. Frankie Brown's original Ten-Stitch Blanket uses this technique at each corner. In one variety of this technique, the working yarn is pulled over the needle, distorting a stitch so that both of its legs are visible on the needle. Those "doubled" stitches are used in the German type of this technique. The three-color section of (\*) Color Affection is off-center because it uses this technique. Instead of increases, darts can be made using this technique, and it can also be used to raise the back neckline in a sweater. For 10 points, name this technique, which often requires a knitter to "wrap and turn" when knitting only part of a row.

ANSWER: short rows

7. An article in *The Mary Sue* aimed at fans of this franchise caused an uproar in the knitting world in 2013 and was subtitled "I swear by my pretty floral bonnet I will end you." Patterns based on this franchise, which are often discussed in the Big Damn Knitters group, include the Mrs. Reynolds shawl and the Wasn't Born a Shepherd bag. In 2013, controversy ensued when this franchise's network, Fox, sent (\*) cease-and-desist notices to Etsy sellers who sold a specific hat. Many fans of this franchise subsequently renamed their patterns after candy corn, although Ravelry now has over 100 hat patterns named for Jayne Cobb. For 10 points, name this short-lived TV show in which a Browncoat veteran played by Nathan Fillion leads the ship *Serenity*.

ANSWER: Firefly

8. This process can be prevented with a polymer coating or an acid bath, which damages the outer layer of a fiber. Popular patterns that use this technique include the Booga Bag and Bev Galeskas' clogs, which typically involve 8- or 9-millimeter needles with worsted-weight yarns such as Cascade 220. Yarns with many large scales are the best candidates for this process, which cannot occur in plant fibers or (\*) superwash wool. One type of this process uses a namesake "needle" with a barbed tip, and the "wet" kind of this process occurs when fibers experience large temperature changes and agitation. The "hand wash cold" care instruction is intended to prevent, for 10 points, what process in which animal fibers' scales interlock, causing items to become denser and shrink?

ANSWER: felting [or fulling, prompt on shrinking before mention]

9. One type of equipment used for this technique was first invented by the Linstead family in 1977. That equipment for this technique is called "Denise" and allows knitters to interchange "tips" of varying sizes. Sweaters that are knit with this technique might have armholes created using steeking. When using this technique, single-row stripes may be created using "helix knitting," which avoids a jog. Very long needles are used in the (\*) "magic loop" variety of this technique, which can replace DPNs. Patterns that use this technique often include an instruction to "join, being careful not to twist," and create stockinette stitch by knitting every stitch. For 10 points, name this method in which knitters might use several double-pointed needles or a single flexible needle to create a seamless tube.

ANSWER: knitting in the round [accept circular knitting]

10. This author of a namesake "Guide to the Land of Knitting" and "At Knit's End" has raised over \$1 million since founding Knitters Without Borders. This designer of the Earl Grey socks and Unoriginal Hat was called "the Michael Jordan of knitting" by a man she once saw in an airport. This knitter coined a term that the New York Times defined as "to take a candid photograph surreptitiously" after seeing Greg (\*) Kinnear. Popular patterns by this recipient of the 2008 CDNBA "Best Blog" award include a One-Row Handspun Scarf and a Good, Plain Sock Recipe. A Canadian "knitting humorist" who has been blogging since 2004, name, for 10 points, this pseudonym of Stephanie Pearl-McPhee.

ANSWER: Yarn Harlot [accept Stephanie Pearl-McPhee before "pseudonym"]

11. Examples of this type of yarn include Jojoland Harmony, Juniper Moon Findley, and the confusingly-named Miss Babs Yet. Yarns of this weight generally yield 30-40 wraps per inch and about 9-10 yards per gram. Herbert Niebling used yarn of this type for his Lyra pattern. Yarn of this type is used in a traditional Russian item that can be passed through a (\*) wedding ring. That Orenberg garment may be knit in a particularly thin variety of this weight known as "cobweb". This weight is used for patterns like Laminaria, Citron, and Wisp, which might be knit in Madelinetosh Prairie or Knitpicks Shadow. For 10 points, name this thin weight of yarn that is used often for shawls with lots of holes.

ANSWER: laceweight [accept cobweb before mention]

12. *Description acceptable.* An r/HobbyDrama post notes that knitters in the early 2000s “couldn’t stop” doing this action. Gina Silva, who ran Socktopia, may have been an early performer of this action. A more recent instance of someone performing this action involved her boyfriend, Captain Jack, coining the term “demon trolls.” A lively debate about IP addresses, and a pivotal post revealing that someone else who performed this action had neither a sister nor (\*) leukemia, can be read in the group “Mysterious Circumstances, Yo”. The owner of Mystical Creation Yarns did this, and when GothSocks did this, she claimed that her heart had stopped for 10 minutes. For 10 points, name this action which often leads to memorials followed by sleuthing and outraged posting. ANSWER: **faking** your **death** [accept obvious equivalents; prompt on dying or lying, fraud, etc.]

13. A 2007 Cat Bordhi book introduces the Riverbed technique for making these items. The most-knitted Ravelry pattern for these items features a four-stitch repeat dotted with single purl stitches and is named for a Harry Potter character. One part of these items may be created using a Dutch, Fish Lips Kiss, or “afterthought” technique. A more typical method for that part of these items might use the Eye of Partridge stitch to create a (\*) “flap,” in which alternate stitches are slipped, followed by short rows to create a “turn”. These garments are usually knit in fingering-weight wool, popular examples of which include Cascade Heritage and Wollmeise Twin. For 10 points, name these accessories which can be knit “cuff-down” or “toe-up” and involve a heel turn unless they are the “tube” variety. ANSWER: **socks**

14. This word comes first in the name of the yarn that was originally used in the Noro Striped Scarf. The Slinky Ribs sweater was originally knit in an Elsebeth Lavold yarn that is named with an adjectival form of this word and “wool”. A Rowan yarn with Spray and Night varieties is named for mohair and this term, and one variant of Cascade (\*) Heritage includes and is named for this fiber. Noro named a yarn for this fiber and “Garden”, and Rowan combined this word with “Kid” and “Haze”. HiKoo makes a sock yarn named for cotton, bamboo, and this fiber, called CoBaSi. For 10 points, name this animal fiber which is produced by *Bombyx mori* and comes from mulberry worm cocoons. ANSWER: **silk** [accept Noro **Silk Garden**, Elsebeth Lavold **Silky Wool**, Rowan **Kidsilk** Spray or Night or Haze, or Cascade **Heritage Silk**]

15. Stitches of this type are passed over subsequent stitches in the same row to create horizontal lines in Barbara Walker’s Barred Knit Pattern. This stitch is performed multiple times between single knit stitches in the Seafoam Pattern, which is used in Christine Vogel’s popular Drop Stitch Scarf. A stitch of this type is worked together with a knit or purl stitch in the brk [“bark”] and brp [“burp”] stitches, which are used in (\*) brioche knitting. These stitches are widely spaced in eyelet patterns, and they must be balanced by decreases to maintain a constant stitch count. For 10 points, name these stitches that form the basis of lace knitting, in which a hole is created by a wrap around the needle. ANSWER: **yarn over** [or **yo**; prompt on drop stitch before mention, prompt on increases]

16. This designer collaborated on *Knitting Around* with the author of *A Gathering of Lace*. One of this designer’s patterns inspired the February Lady pullover, and another forms the basis for many circular shawls. The New York Times ran this knitter’s obituary in 1999 and noted that she coined the term “unventions.” Many of this designer’s works are available from her company Schoolhouse Press, which is currently run by her daughter (\*) Meg Swansen and has published the *Knitter’s Almanac* and *The Opinionated Knitter*. This designer of the Pi Shawl and the BSJ also devised a namesake “percentage system”, which is published in *Knitting Without Tears*. For 10 points, name this designer of the Baby Surprise Jacket, who astonishingly shares her name with a former wife of Rodrigo Duterte. ANSWER: Elizabeth **Zimmerman**

17. **Runners congregate in this group’s “Zombie Apocalypse Training” spinoff group, and over 1000 “reasons my kid is crying” are collected in its “Parents” group. Long-standing threads in this group include “Patterns not everyone has seen” and “The thing you just can’t say out loud”. The acronym INMB indicates that this group “is not my blog”. This group is responsible for 55,000 Ravelry posts per month, which more than doubles (\*) Remnants. A 2007 post suggested forming a group that is, like this one, hidden from radar. However, this group traces its origin to a 2008 post that called for a place for “heathens who callously do volunteer work.” Formed as a haven for people comfortable with profanity, for 10 points, name this adult-only Ravelry group named for sloth, idiocy, and atheism.**

ANSWER: LSG [or Lazy, Stupid, and Godless]

18. **The patterning on a lopapeysa typically uses this technique. A famous “Book of” this technique was written by Alice Starmore. One motif commonly used in this technique is called the selburose and, despite common misconception, does not actually represent a snowflake. Yarn traditionally used in this technique is 100% wool and has a “sticky” feel to help keep the ends from unraveling. This technique is most easily knitted in the round, unlike (\*) intarsia. The Jamieson’s of Shetland yarn brand is based in the region that originated this technique. Traditional patterns in this technique involve only two colors per row, with the unused color carried behind the active one to create strands. For 10 points, name this method of colorwork that originates from its namesake Shetland island.**

ANSWER: Fair Isle knitting [accept stranded knitting and prompt on colorwork before mention; do not accept “Faroe island”]

19. **A Barbara Gregory mitten pattern depicts two varieties of this motif and is named Horatio and Oren. A Quince & Co. yarn with this name has standard and tweed varieties, and is a 50-50 wool and alpaca blend. A crescent shawl with this motif uses two beads per repeat and is named for the Hogwarts Express. This motif is repeated on a circular yoke in (\*) Kate Davies’ breakout sweater pattern, which uses buttons or beads to represent eyes and is named for this motif. In its simplest form, this motif features adjacent cables that cross in opposite directions. For 10 points, give this animal that names Quince & Co’s Tweet yarn and is depicted in the Give a Hoot mittens.**

ANSWER: owls [accept Owlie or Owl Tweet]

20. **This organization’s clash with the knitting world has its roots in one blogger’s decision to knit the Hardangervidda Dale of Norway sweater in January 2006. A recurring event that began with a post titled “Citius, Altius, Fortius” ended in 2012 when this organization wrote a letter claiming that those events “denigrate the true nature” of another (\*) competition. Knitters would surely have shared in the outrage at these “tunnel-vision toadies” expressed by David Madden in a 2019 post, since this organization demanded that a certain biannual knitting challenge be renamed the “Ravellic Games”. For 10 points, name this so-called “short-sighted... and obstinate” organization that would have sent Katie Ledecy and Simone Biles to Tokyo in July 2020.**

ANSWER: United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee [accept USOPC]