

General Rules and Guidelines of our groups

Links

Any conversation thread within our Facebook and Google + Communities that have the following are strictly prohibited:

- Linking to other Facebook Pages to generate subscribers, campaign awareness and/or sales.
- Soliciting sales to sell in any form whether it be for donations, sales or other income generating content.
- Luring tactics such as phishing scams or soliciting members to subscribe to other locations outside of The Crochet Crowd Network.
- Website links requiring membership sign up to access promised content.
- Text or photographic updates where the name appears to be a company or pseudo name.

To ensure community members are engaged, we require people to post as themselves and not a representation of a business or pseudo name(s).

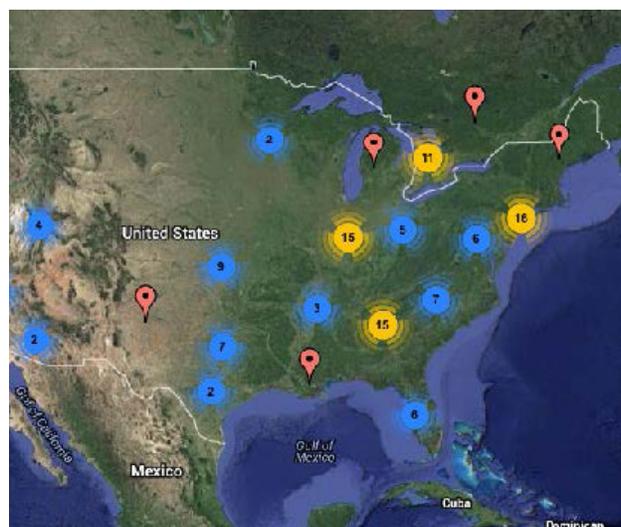
In the event of a *Request For Help* posted by an individual looking to locate patterns, pictures and/or crafting tools, other members may post links to appropriate websites or information that are related to their request.



Yarn Donations

Sadly, and for the protection of the community from scammers and those that wish to take advantage of others, **no postings** asking for yarn donations, swaps and/or offering donations. We personally has seen this go very wrong and we now have a very strict stance that any postings will be immediately deleted including posts that sideline this guideline.

However; on The Crochet Crowd website we have a Charity Locator page for donations that you can register with us. Feel free to add your favourite charity to the ever growing list that many others will be able to find an support.



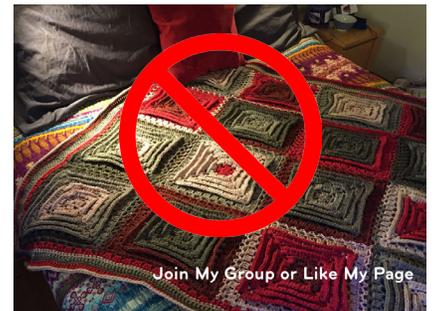
Sidelineing for your own personal agenda whether it is sales or personal gains is strictly frowned on not just by us but by many others within the group. It's not cool to use our pages for your own advantage!

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Photos/Videos

For the overall well being of our community, our team has the right to delete a photo/videos that if we feel that it is indirect/direct advertising. Below is not permitted:

- For watermarked photos, under no circumstances will complete or partial URLs be allowed as a watermark within The Crochet Crowd. This is considered indirect and direct advertising. We will delete the photos without notice. Example would be your companyname.com and/or social websites such as facebook.com/yourname.com, twitter.com/yourname.
 - No over sized logos or names covering the photo.
 - No soliciting of any sort to be written on photos.
 - No sexual explicit photos.
 - No unrelated photos that does not have references to yarn.
 - Photos that are posted to showcase creativity but has the objective to sell. Which includes over postings or in the comments that the person who has uploaded is selling the item, pattern or or more will automatically be deleted and reported as spam.
- * **NEW*** No initiating or sharing of live videos from any source (including personal) other than from The Crochet Crowd.



Acceptable watermarks for your copyright protection would be as follows:

- Your company logo without URL, address or initials.
- © 2017 Your Company Name
- © 2017 Your Personal Name or Initials
- For good watermark places, place your watermark on the bottom of the photos.



In many cases, you might see a great project. A pattern link is sometimes shared within a thread as part of the posting. Scroll down through the comments as you may see the pattern is posted further down. If a community member states that there is no pattern available or the pattern is a 'Paid/Copyright restricted pattern' where it cannot be shared openly, we need to respect that fact.

All photos shared on our group pages may be used, edited or featured within our social media and Mikey Magazine. We generally share credit by using at minimum a first name, sometimes a full name when sharing photos.

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Group Etiquette

We all have our stories and our hobby can be our therapy too, we just ask that you remain true to keeping our communities strictly related to crochet or knit. All other posts that are not related to crochet or personal agendas is at our discretion to removed without notice. Our main objective is to protect the everyday crocheter/knitter who is here for love of crochet/knit. We want to keep our page positive and centered around our hobby. Lets keep all about our hobby and passion!

Differences of opinions: We all grow up differently and have different values, some more conservative and others very liberal. That does not mean you have the right to force them onto others. We just ask you if you make an opposing comment, do so gently in a way that it can be constructive and positive. Make your say nicely or just move on.

Our team will determine what is appropriate content, and yes, we do delete anything that is extremely offensive and derogatory. We do not moderate 24/7! It is up to you to scroll on. If you feel your post/comment is being blasted and unfair by many, you do have the power to delete your own comment. Don't just sit on it, type away and be angry, be part of your own solution.

Often enough, sometimes people don't take the time to read the comments slowly and jump immediately to conclusions before writing their comments. In doing so, slow down, read, and respond appropriately. This is often the reason for negativity and harsh comments. We cannot control what you write; however, if you see by accident that you are in the wrong, you do have the power to delete your comment or apologize. We are all human and let's be adults about it! Even us, the owners have some made bloopers.

Comments that includes negative reviews about yarns, companies, pattern designers, Facebook groups, group admin or any individuals that are members of this page will be removed *IF* warranted. Inappropriate pictures, that may include willy warmers and boob hats etc, political, religious postings/pictures and/or culture discrimination content will be removed. If you disagree with something posted, keep scrolling or report to our admin team. Please be also aware that we will do our best to resolve the situation in a timely manner.

In the rare event that a member expresses unrelated comments to the groups, and/or insulting, negative, or intentionally hurtful content, member(s) involved will be removed permanently from our Facebook Community Pages.



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Bullying

Recently, we have been hearing a lot of use of the word 'bullying'. There is a fine line with a large group of random people expressing an opinion to just being rude to extreme cases of harassment, threatening, embarrassment, or targeting another person. Bullying is done with the intent to hurt somebody's reputation or social standing. Let's be clear what bullying can be:

(Are you one of these?)
(adapted from wkikHow.com)

Bullying can come across in different ways to different people and online it is not always easy to detect a person's real meaning. Sometimes, you'll need to assess whether or not you're reading too much into something. Here are some things that might denote bullying on Facebook which include:

1. Wall posts that say intimidating, mean-spirited, or outright nasty things about you, your friends, and the things you care about. **For example:** "*Jeanne!, Michael and I hate you. You've got really ugly glasses. Don't bother to crochet, you're not good at it.*"
2. **Consistent** abuse about the things you've posted. For example: "Why do you post such STUPID and UGLY things???? You're a waste of comment space!!!!"
3. Use of lots of punctuation, such as web abbreviations like WTF?!!! on a consistent basis, intended to ram home a message without any subtlety.
4. Use of ALL CAPITALS can denote a menacing tone. Online etiquette views most usage of ALL CAPITALS as the equivalent of shouting and if the message is accompanied by negative words or implications, it might be an attempt to bully you.
5. They use threatening, harassing, or nasty language in Facebook comment postings.
6. They start a Facebook group based on you, such as something like "Mikey's Haters". This is probably one of the worst bully attempts uniting against anybody.

Let us be clear,

Expressing difference of opinion, offering constructive feedback, guidance, or advice about yarn-related ideas & multiple responses to a question or a post whether for/or against is NOT bullying. People do have a right to an opinion and to respond. The key words here is 'consistent attack' from the 'same individual(s) in multiple posts'. Our team will remove anyone for comments in within our groups that apply absolute insult to the individual. This also includes attacks on our team. However, if your post itself stirs a negative reaction, it's all on you. In short, be smart when you post.



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Michael, Diva Dan, Jeanne and Laura Jean

You may not block any member of the Administrative Team. If you have blocked a member of the team, you will be undoubtedly be removed from the group. Zero Tolerance.

We do not support bullying and rudeness directed at our team. Accusing our team of poor moderation based on personal preferences, expectations and inside agenda can result in a removal of our groups. We are here to help and to keep our groups fair to all.

We are not responsible for any private messages or contact outside of the groups. We are not responsible for community members posting of images/videos that could be inappropriate. The opinions expressed by community members do not necessarily represent and or express the views of The Crochet Crowd.

We have the right to delete, hide and remove anyone that intentionally disrupts the positive environment that we work so hard to keep. We have a policy where we do not solicit The Crochet Crowd on other Facebook pages to gain followers, we expect the same courtesy in return. Our growth is based on hard work and community engagement.

These pages are meant to celebrate the crochet and knit teachings of Mikey. Truth is, there is not enough hours of the day to monitor every interaction. With videos, graphics, emails, working with our sponsors and so on, we can only ask that you understand that we are not available 24/7. A community can have a leader but it's the loving members that create a positive & kind community. Even though we have guidelines, it's not just about protecting others but it is for our very own personal health, mentality, and love for the yarn arts.

Please, as a community respect what is given, after all, personally, Mikey and the team like to sit down with a nice cup of tea, watch a movie and do what we love to do best and that is to knit or crochet! We need time to be personally creative so we can share our projects, ideas and more with the community.

We reserve the right to make the final decision to decide what is acceptable for our Facebook Community Page for the overall well being of our community.

Our team are exempted from all the above guidelines .



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Thank you for reading and being a part of our Community

In requesting to be part of our group, you automatically accept our guidelines. It is a privilege to be part of our group, not a right. The guidelines are for the overall enjoyment of all members so that it remains a helpful resource for tips and advice.

We view this group like a Driver's License. Drivers are subjected with the rules of the regulations of the road for the protection of those around them. In our group pages, whether it be soliciting, luring, opinion or others that are intended to create calls to action that benefit the person, our guidelines are there to protect those who are part of the thread of conversations. Most active Facebook Pages and/or online communities have guidelines and rules in place. It is the responsibility of the person who is posting it to inquire and/or research before proceeding to solicit or violate any of our community guidelines.

Please understand that as our pages grow, we may adjust to the growth and to the events that happen. Guidelines can be changed by the team depending on trends and metamorphosis of our pages. Sometimes, it may not be what you want our pages to be, but please remember, unless you are the owners and admins to these pages, you do not have the right cry foul as if you may feel you have the right to do so. We will make changes for the protection of our members and the physical and emotional health of our team members. Please respect this request from us. If this is not to your liking, please silently remove yourself as there are many other amazing and wonderful yarn related pages out there that might suits your needs. We are just one of the many. We say this with kindness and, by no means, not to offend anyone.

We thank you for being a part of our journey, teaching and exploration of crochet and knitting. We personally cannot express the thanks that we have with sharing this wonderful community with you. It is you that help make this an amazing and support group to share our creativity and our joys! Happy hook'n and knotty knitting!

