

Prizes for each class  
 1st: £125 of yarn  
 2nd: £75 of yarn  
 3rd: £50 of yarn

# The most stylish stitches

## Winners of national knitting and crocheting competition announced



Competition judges – Chris Kingdom from the UK Hand Knitting Association (left) and Gill Thomas, NFWI Craft Judge and Education Committee Adviser

JUDGES of the NFWI's Stylish Stitches competition looked for entries which demonstrated good use of colour and texture, a high level of skill and – as the competition title suggests – a stylish design. Deciding on the winners was extremely difficult, they say, because of the high standard of entries and the creativity on show.

'For a first competition of this type we're delighted with the number of entries and the skill demonstrated,' says Pat Lumsdale, NFWI Craft Adviser and Head of the NFWI Unit which houses the Education and Training Committees.

'After the winners' names were revealed, the judges were fascinated to find that three members had won places in different categories – which, they said, was indicative of their extraordinary ability.'

The three place-winning entries from each category will be displayed at the Sewing for Pleasure and Creative Stitches shows in autumn 2009 and spring 2010, along with other entries that best reflect the criteria set out in the competition schedule. For more information, tel: 01425 272711 or visit [www.ichf.co.uk](http://www.ichf.co.uk)



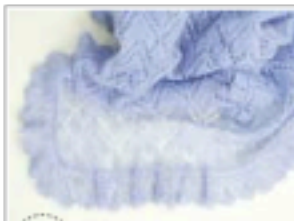
1st

**CLASS 1:** A hand-knitted fashion accessory

**First:** black and white necklace by Deborah Gore, Clive & Grinshill WI, Shropshire

**Second:** lavender shawl by Adrienne Tulip, North Gosforth WI, Tyneside

**Third:** flowery basket-bag by Mary Duncombe, Castle Green WI, Kent-East Kent



2nd



3rd



1st

**CLASS 2:** A hand-knitted accessory for the home

**First:** hot water bottle cover by Lesley Fidler, Farnley Estate WI, North Yorkshire West

**Second:** tea cosy by Deborah Gore, Clive and Grinshill WI, Shropshire

**Third:** cushion wall hanging by Sue Hobson, Howden WI, East Yorkshire



2nd



3rd



1st

**CLASS 3:** A crocheted fashion accessory

**First:** scarf with daisies by Jackey Hill, Flackwell Heath Evening WI, Buckinghamshire

**Second:** hat with buttons by Therese Casmore, Llandogo WI, Gwent

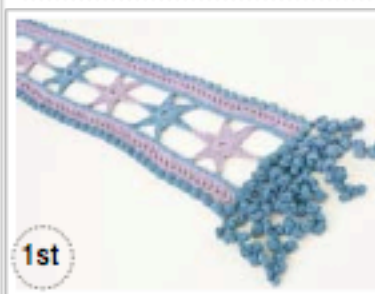
**Third:** lilac necklace by Stephanie Phillips, Amphil W, Bedfordshire



2nd



3rd



1st

**CLASS 4:** A crocheted accessory for the home

**First:** oceanic table runner by Stephanie Phillips, Amphil W, Bedfordshire

**Second:** cafetiere cosy by Lesley Fidler, Farnley Estate WI, North Yorkshire West

**Third:** sunset cushion by Marjorie Tomsett, Comberbach WI, Cheshire



2nd



3rd