

Save yourself time & money by using this checklist to ensure your pattern is ready to be edited. The better shape your pattern is in prior to editing, the better quality pattern you will get back, with fewer issues to correct and/or possibly missed. I try very hard to not miss anything but when a pattern is incomplete or messy it takes longer to edit and costs you more.

PATTERN INFORMATION:

1. Check your pattern information & materials list for the following:
 - a. Sizes are listed – finished measurements and “to fit” if appropriate. Is the sizing reasonable and based on a sizing standard?
 - b. Yarn used for photographed sample – yarn manufacturer, yarn name, yarn weight, fiber content, put up (yards, meters, oz, grams) per ball/skein, and the color(s) used for the sample.
 - c. Gauge in the main stitch pattern, i.e. xx sts and xx rows/rnds = 4” (10 cm) in Garter st, note if blocked or unblocked.
 - d. All needle sizes used are listed with lengths for circular needles.
 - e. Notions – amount & sizes - needed to complete all sizes.
 - f. Abbreviations used in the pattern are listed.
 - g. Non-standard stitch patterns are either listed with sources or written out.
 - h. Special techniques are either listed with sources or written out.
 - i. Skills listed or experience level needed to complete project.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Are your instructions in a logical order?
2. Are all elements listed – body, sleeves, neckline for garments; heel, toe, and leg for socks; cuff, thumb, and hand for mittens; etc.
3. Rows are numbered & correctly labeled for RS/WS. Rnds are numbered.
4. Have you checked your math? Do the stitch repeats work; do the pattern repeats work? Do the measurements & stitch counts match gauge?

5. Are there stitch counts after every increase or decrease row/rnd or section? Are they correct?
6. Are all the finishing instructions listed?

CHARTS & SCHEMATICS:

1. Are your charts accompanied with written instructions?
2. Do the written instructions match the charts?
3. Are charts properly numbered for working flat or in the round?
4. Do the charts match the direction of the knitting – bottom up or top down?
5. Is the chart key included? Does it included all the stitches shown on the chart?
6. How are different colors represented on charts for colorwork?
7. Do you have a schematic with the important measurements indicated?
8. Is your schematic appropriate for the shape of the item? Are set-in sleeves shown separately from the body schematic?
9. If you don't have a schematic are the important measurements listed in the pattern?

PHOTOS:

1. Are your photos clear?
2. Do you have one or more detail photos?

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Do all your descriptions make sense?
2. Are your abbreviations and capitalization consistent throughout?
3. Is the pattern as clear as you can make it?
4. Have you discussed areas of special concern with your editor?