

Big Apple Knitters Guild GENERAL MEETING via Zoom *Members Only!*

Saturday, August 8, 2020, 1 PM – 4 PM

Please begin check-in at 12:30 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/99484479560>

GUEST SPEAKER: **Melissa Leapman, Designer**



Melissa Leapman is one of the most widely-published American knitting and crochet freelance designers today, and has over 1000 designs in print. She has worked with leading ready-to-wear design houses in New York City, and top yarn companies commission Melissa to create designs to promote their new and existing yarns each season.

Melissa is the author of several bestselling knitting and crochet books, including *Cables Untangled*, *Mastering Color Knitting*, and *Knitting the Perfect Fit*, all published by Random House. One of her most popular and go-to books is her 2013 comprehensive dictionary, *The Knit Stitch Pattern Handbook*. Leapman's most significant book, *6000+ Pullover Possibilities* (2017), teaches the reader how to knit customized women's sweaters in nearly any gauge and almost every size. *Knitting Modular Shawls, Wraps, and Stoles*, a plug-and-play concept design book, is her most recent.

Nationally, Melissa has been featured as a guest speaker on numerous TV shows, has hosted several Leisure Arts and knitting and crocheting DVDs, and has offered instruction at every major knitting and crochet event, including VKL and Virtual VKL. She has also appeared at hundreds of national and international yarn shops and local guild events.

PRESENTATION: **Plug 'n' Play Shawls**

Melissa will discuss her career and teach a mini-workshop about how to create a beautiful modular shawl. You will learn how interchangeable shawl wedges mix and match to create nearly endless design possibilities. Attendees will need to have on hand worsted-weight yarn in two solid light colors, appropriate-sized circular knitting needle, stitch markers and the handout.

Melissa will offer her *Knitting Modular Shawls, Wraps and Stoles* book for \$35.70 (15% discount) and her most recent design shawl kits for \$57.00 (20% discount). Both offers include shipping and handling and will run from August 8 -12, 2020. Email your orders to Melissa.Leapman@gmail.com.

SHOW AND TELL:

Be one of the 25 participants in our virtual Show and Tell. *No pre-registration required!* Here's all you need to do:

- **By August 5, 2020**, send a photo of your project, with a completed Show and Tell form (*see attachment*), to Kate Kosturski at webmaster@bakg.org. Photo and form must be received by August 5, 2020.
- **The first 25 responders** (*determined by email timestamps*) will be eligible to show their projects in the meeting.
- **If more than 25 people sign up**, those members will be given priority for our next virtual meeting.

VIRTUAL KNITTING PROJECT HELP SESSION:

Following Melissa's presentation, our luxury yarn raffle and Show and Tell, BAKG member **Susan Leibowitz** will host a **separate** Zoom session to help you get started if you are a beginner, or to assist you with an issue you're facing in your project. In this 45-minute virtual session, which is limited to 5 participants, Susan can help you develop a new skill, interpret a pattern, or fix an error. Participants will leave the BAKG Zoom meeting and log onto Susan's Zoom meeting. Here's what you need to do to **register** for the session:

1. Send an email on or before August 5, 2020 to Susan at susan.leibowitz@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Participation will be limited to the first 5 members to sign up.
2. Also, by August 5, you will need to email Susan with the following information: your issue, clear photos of your work, including close-ups of the right and wrong sides, and a clear picture of the pattern and designer name.
3. Confirmation of your participation, as well as the link to Susan's Zoom meeting, will come from Susan.

*** Note:** If you find the solution to your issue in advance of the meeting, please cancel your reservation to allow room for another member to participate.

BAKG general meetings, workshops or other BAKG-sponsored events, whether in person or virtual, may be photographed and or recorded by audio and/or video. By your in-person or virtual participation at these meetings, you consent to the photography and/or recording and to the use of your image and/or recording in print and social media.

LOOKING AHEAD:

2020 CALENDAR

September 26	Carol Sulcoski - Designer, Author, Teacher and Yarn Dyer – Zoom Meeting
October 10	Lars Rains - Designer, Author and Teacher – Zoom Meeting
November 14	Speaker TBD - Vogue Knitting – Zoom Meeting
December 12	Paula Kucera - Owner, White Barn Farm Sheep & Wool – Zoom Meeting



Big Apple Knitters Guild
PO Box 8009
New York, NY 10116