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Prepare to Meet the Knit Crowd

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Jessica (right) and friends wearing matching sweaters at the Edinburgh Yarn Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, March 23, 2019. The group arranged a meet-up to show off the sweaters they made.

The Ravelry team and their volunteers have knit the ground running to prepare for The Knit Crowd Fiber Craft Conference next month.

I sat down with [Jessica](#), one of Ravelry's founders, to get a behind-the-scenes look at preparations for the conference.

"I think The Knit Crowd might be our biggest undertaking since we founded Ravelry," Jessica said. "It's exciting, though. We can't wait to meet our community in person."

While Ravelry often makes unofficial appearances at other wool and fiber crafting festivals, such as [Rhinebeck](#) in the fall and [Woollinn](#) in the summer, this will be the first gathering

Ravelry has hosted. The Ravelry team made sure that The Knit Crowd wouldn't overlap or compete with big festivals like these.

"We didn't even think about it," Jessica said. "We love going to those festivals and didn't want to miss them."

She's excited about what the conference team has planned - at least one speaker or workshop for every session, a surprise keynote speaker for Saturday, a "Sit & Stitch" Lounge, and three vendor areas.

"There will be beginner classes on everything from knitting and crocheting to spinning and felting," Jessica said. "And we'll have speakers about fiber types, fiber craft history, pattern selling, starting a business and so much more. I'm sure many people will be working as they listen!"

If you want to work on your project and meet other crafters, check out the "Sit & Stitch" Lounge. This will be a more social space, with cozy seating areas and snacks. The lounge will be open throughout the conference, as well as for a few extra hours on Friday and Saturday night for our night owls. Early birds can head there Saturday and Sunday morning for Snacks & Socializing before the day's sessions start.

The "Sit & Stitch" Lounge is also the perfect place to have meet-ups! If members of your Ravelry group will be at The Knit Crowd and want to meet in person arrange a meet-up time. Feel free to ask one of our volunteers to take a picture of your group.

Vendor applications closed last week, and the Ravelry team is currently narrowing down the list. There were over 200 applicants, but there are only 150 available booths. Vendors should expect to hear back about their applications within the next two weeks. Those who aren't vending should make sure to stop by our three vendor areas to support your fellow crafters!

If you haven't registered for The Knit Crowd yet, don't worry! You can learn more about The Knit Crowd and register [here](#)!

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