

What is it and How Does it Work?

Hangtown Fibers Guild (HFG) Library is live on *Ravelry*!!! It started out just as an idea that soon blossomed into exploration, and then became a reality!

Ravelry is a community site where knitters, crocheters, designers, spinners, weavers and dyers can keep track of their yarns, tools, projects, pattern information or details, and look to others for ideas and inspiration. The website contents are user driven, and it is one of the largest databases of this sort online. In addition, this archive includes listings of fiber craft-related books and much, much more. In my vision, the HFG could benefit from the wealth of features accessible through the *Ravelry* website. To this end, my efforts have been dedicated to entering the Guild's library into *Ravelry*.

Soon, through the *Ravelry* site, HFG members will view all the Guild library books/magazines by their covers and then browse through them to look at patterns inside, if any. Another convenient feature is that you

have an opportunity to see projects others have made from the patterns listed in the books. While the process of entering all HFG's book is not yet complete there is more than one item listed under each category (*Ravelry* refers to them as sets), plus a few magazines. Following are a few simple steps to get you there:

- Log on to *Ravelry* at: <http://www.ravelry.com/>
- Request an account if you are not already a *Ravelry* member. Click "join now!" button on *Ravelry* log on page. Enter your email address as prompted. Check your email. Follow the link in your email from *Ravelry* to complete creating the account.
- Click the "people" tab at top of web page.
- Type 'HFGLibrary' in the search box then click 'search'.
- Click on HFG Logo when it appears on the screen.
- Select "### library" at top right on the HFG Library page (### represents number of items in the library).
- From here, you will see a list of library items.

Feel free to browse around. Add HFG Library to your "friend's list" by pressing the "add to my friend" button and/or send message to the librarians on the HFG Library page.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Please let the HFG librarians know what you think of these latest efforts to display books/magazines on the *Ravelry* website which allows access to pictures and preview of patterns, etc.

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