

MAKE AND BAKE FOR MENCAP AND WIN A TOP KNITTING PRIZE

Mencap and The Knitter magazine are urging knitters everywhere to grab their knitting needles, pop on the kettle and put on a Make and Bake tea party, to help raise money for the learning disability charity Mencap. Not only that, but they are also giving people who hold a Make and Bake event the chance to win a fabulous prize, perfect for knitter-lovers everywhere.

Make and Bake tea parties are a simple, enjoyable way for knitters to raise money for a good cause. To help people get started, Mencap and The Knitter have put together a fundraising pack which is packed full of handy fundraising tips and recipes for delicious summer treats.

To enter the Make and Bake competition all knitters need to do is take a picture from their Make and Bake event and send it into Mencap. The winning shot will be the picture that best captures the spirit of Make and Bake – it could be a wonderful picture of a knitting group holding a tea party, or a picture of a delicious cake that was made especially for Make and Bake. The picture

that captures this best will win two tickets to the Twisted Thread Knitting and Stitching Show 2010 at Alexandra Palace on 7th – 10th October 2010.

Juliet Bernard, Editor of *The Knitter* magazine, said: "I know how much my knitting group love to get together - any excuse and we will stop by for a cuppa and a piece of cake! So why don't knitting groups turn this into a fundraising event to help raise money for this great charity and also give themselves a shot of winning a fantastic prize."

Leo Visconti, from Mencap's fundraising team, said: "Make and Bake tea parties are a really fun and easy way for people to help raise much needed funds for Mencap. Our fundraising pack is packed full of advice and tips for people wanting to hold their own event – take a look and get making and baking for Mencap"



If people aren't able to hold a Make and Bake event then don't worry as there are plenty of other ways for knitters to get involved and help raise money for Mencap.

With next season's yarns soon to hit the shelves there is no better time to do a spot of de-stashing. Knitters could sell some of their old yarn and donate the proceeds to Mencap.

And perhaps Mencap and The Knitter's other competition will also be of interest to knitters. They are inviting knitters to design a hat for their favourite celebrity and the winning design will be featured in The Knitter magazine! Entrants will then have the opportunity to collect their designs and any unclaimed entries will be sold to raise money for Mencap.

Mencap are *The Knitter* magazine's Charity of the Year and they have joined forces to help raise money for people with a learning disability, their families and carers.

To download a own Make and Bake fundraising pack or for more information on other ways to support Mencap visit www.mencap.org.uk/theknitter

Make and Bake Competition

The closing date is Monday 20th September, so entries should be with Mencap by then. Five images can be submitted per person. Images should not exceed 2MB per image. Photographs can either be emailed to ruth.attride@mencap.org.uk or sent to:

Make and Bake competition Ruth Attride 123 Golden Lane London EC1Y ORT

Entrants should include their name, full address, email address and a contact number.

Terms and Conditions

- 1. All photos must be original and must not infringe copyright.
- 2. By entering into the competition you accept that all entries will become property of Mencap and grant it the right to use your entry free of charge for purposes of this competition and future Mencap fundraising activities.
- 3. The judging panel's decision is final.
- 4. Winners will be contacted in person.
- 5. People who haven't won will not be contacted
- 6. Prizes may be provided by a third party sponsor of the competition. Mencap reserves the right in their sole discretion to substitute any prize with a prize of comparable value.
- 7. The CLOSING DATE for the competition is 20th September 2010. Any entries received after this date will not be entered into the competition.
- 8. The promoter of the competition is Mencap, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y ORT (UK registered charity no. 222377)





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