

## Using Ravelry.com to Find Patterns for Ujamaa Grandmas Projects

1. Click on the **Patterns** tab at the top of the home page of ravelry.com.
  - You may begin searching immediately by typing a specific or general name in the **search field** that appears.
2. For a more **targeted search**, click on "pattern browser & advanced search" just below the search field.
  - You may use as many or as few filters here as you like to limit your search, for example only Free Patterns or only Knitting or only Crochet Patterns. You should also use the Category filter to choose the type of pattern you are looking for and beyond that, it's up to you which filters you use.
3. Once you have found a pattern (and purchased it, if necessary), you may store it in your Ravelry library (if you have signed on), or just download it directly into your computer.
4. **VERY IMPORTANT!! Getting permission.**
  - Virtually all patterns you find online are covered by copyright laws, so it is essential that you ask permission to use the pattern to create items for our sale. **Even if a pattern is free, you still need to ask permission.**
  - Most designers, if given enough information, are OK with us using their patterns, but some will put limits on how many items we may sell, and some do NOT give permission. So please keep copies of your email correspondence and send the information to our webmaster, Patty Cucman so she can add it to the Designer list in the members section of the Ujamaa Grandmas website.

### SAMPLE LETTER

Dear XXXX;

I've downloaded your XXXXXX pattern from Ravelry, and have knit some XXXXXX from it. I love the pattern, and would like to suggest it as a project for a charity organization I am involved with.

The Ujamaa Grandmas in Calgary, Alberta, Canada work all year creating quality handmade items that we sell at our annual Bags, Babies and Beyond sale. The sale this past October raised over \$50,000! All money raised is sent to the Stephen Lewis Foundation ([stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://stephenlewisfoundation.org)), which funds a number of projects that support grandmothers in Africa who have been left to raise their grandchildren who have been orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Please have a look at our website [www.ujamaagrandmas.com](http://www.ujamaagrandmas.com) and please let me know if you would be kind enough to allow us to use your pattern. We (and grandmothers and their grandchildren in Africa) would be very grateful, and, if you wish, we can list your name and a link to your website in the list of designers in the members area of our website. In addition, we can also acknowledge your design on the tags of the items we make.

Thanks for your consideration.