HOW TO USE RAVELRY LIKE A PRO – CLASS OUTLINE

Let's take a quick look at your profile

- o Click on your profile in the upper right-hand corner
- o Would you like to add a photo? Add your state? Your birthdate?
- o You can change your Ravelry name 3 times.

#1 First things first – choose your mode; it's a personal preference

- o Click on your photo box in the far upper right-hand corner; yours may be an empty box
- o A drop-down box will appear, click on Mode – light background or darker background or black background.
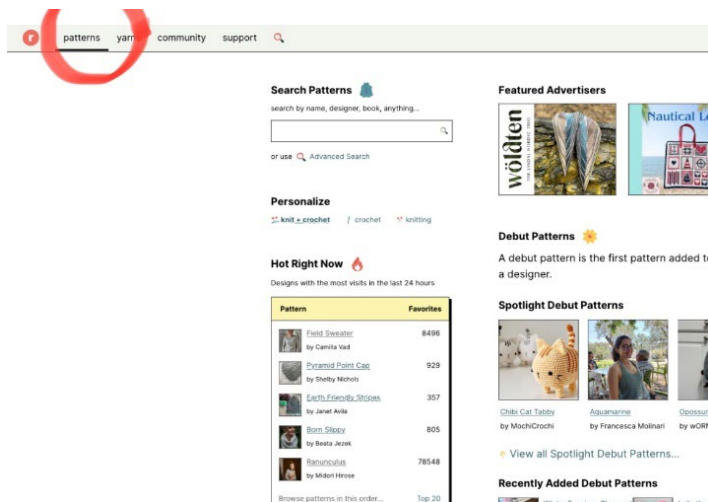
#2 Traditional Front page – let's take a look at the top of the page headers.

- o patterns
- o yarns (search for any yarn)
- o community (People; Friends; Groups)
- o support (yarn, mini mart; help; contact)
- o advanced search – Ravelry's Best Feature
- o ✉ messages
- o 💬 forums and posts
- o (NOTE: I have a pro on my page – Designer's business tab)

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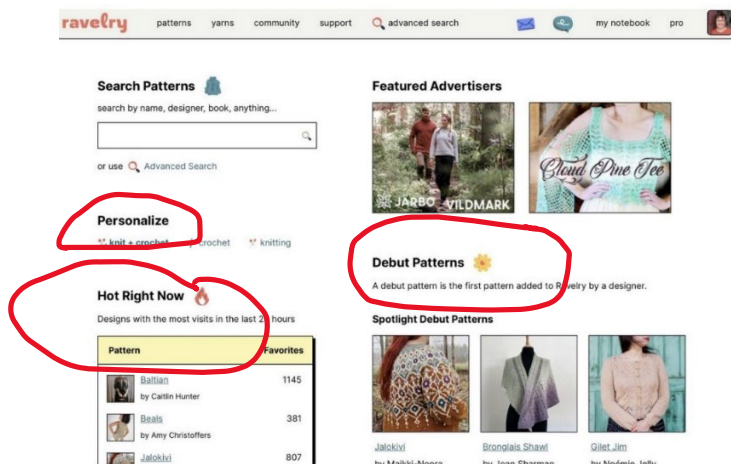## #3 Click the Ravelry logo - this is like the front page of a newspaper for Ravelry.

- o Thursday Tip
- o Eye Candy
- o Scroll down to January 7, 2022, post – Interesting Facts about Ravelry.

#4 Click on Patterns

- o Hot Right Now
  - o Top 5 patterns on Ravelry are showing; at the bottom of the box: click on Top 20; or Browse patterns in this order
- o Debut Patterns – first time a designer has published a pattern

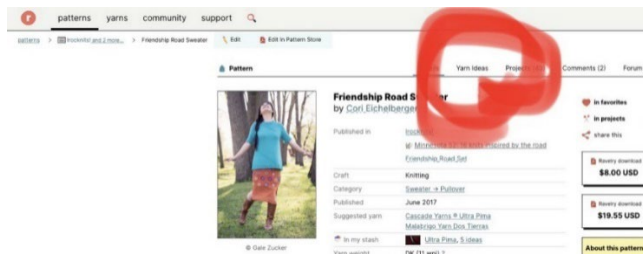Here's what this page looks like and things to take a look at:

#5 Let's look at some viewing options for patterns

Click on Patterns

- o Type in Search: Friendship Road Sweater
- o Click on the pattern
- o You can view Results as:
  - Small cards, tall cards; OR Large photos – it's your preference and you can switch back and forth
- o Now Scroll down to Cookieladyknits; she has ❤️ and 💬
- o Now click on JanRachel; this means helpful!
- o Let's say you're knitting this pattern and you don't understand something.
- o Go to Filter: All Helpful Projects – and you can see if other knitter's notes will help you with your problem
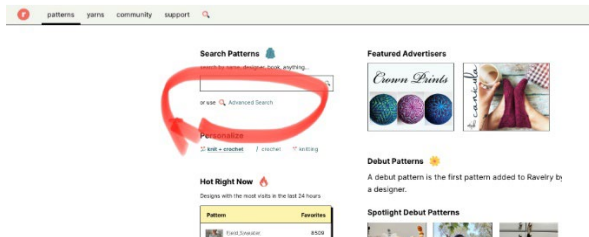
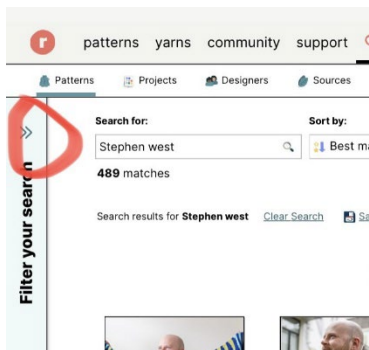## 5.5 Question: I like a pattern but don't know what yarn to use?

- Click on Yarn Ideas! This is all of the yarn that knitters have used to make this particular project
- Look at the mint green boxes underneath – you own that yarn

#6 Advanced Search options

- Click on Patterns
- Underneath the empty text box in small print – click on "or use advanced search"
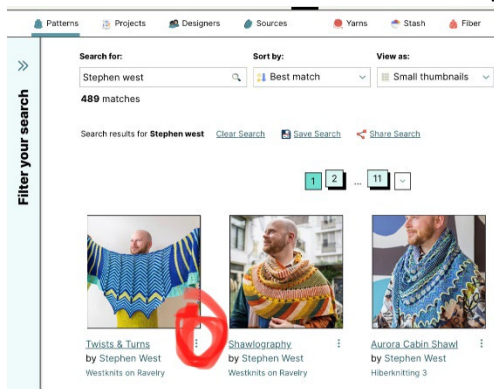

- A drop-down bow will pop up on the left-hand side of the screen (you may have to click on the small arrows above filter your search, see below)– now you can scroll down

- Click on any filters you might want to use: Craft; Category; Availability; has photo; attributes; age/size/fit; weight.
- Sooooo many ways to find what you want.
- Now look at the top of the advanced search page.
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#7 How to block a designer – (in a nice way)
- You can block a designer from popping up in your Ravelry search.
- Maybe you're just not a fan of a designer's aesthetic . . .
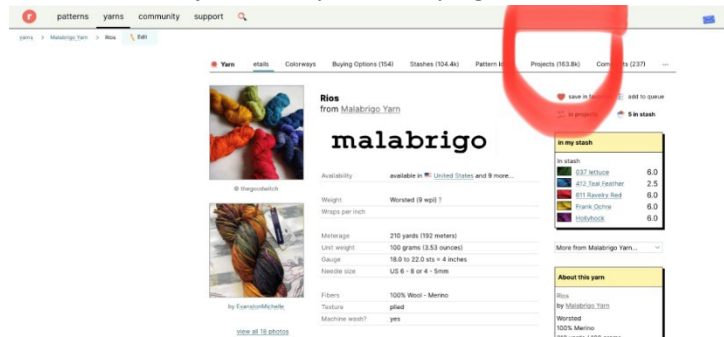- Go to the three dots in the after the pattern name and click on "hide this designer."
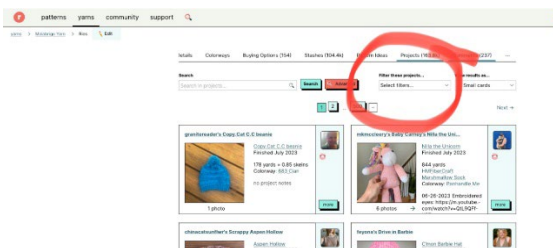
#8 Click on Yarns
- o By company, fiber content, weight, name.
- o Check out the Road Trip Planner.

#9 Question: I have yarn but don't know what to use it for?
- o Click on the yarn you have – EX: Let's search Malabrigo Rios
- o Click on Projects – way too many right?

- o Use Filters (see below)
- o Pattern Category

- o Go back to Malabrigo Rios yarn page
- o Click on Buying Options – where can you get this yarn?
- o Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page – buy it from a knitter!

- o On the Malabrigo Rios yarn page click on the colorway Cereza
- o Look at all of the boxes – will someone sell you theirs? Leftovers?

#10 Click on Community – then Groups
- o Join and leave groups as you please; if there's an interest – there's a group; from cooks to books and from socks to TV shows
- o Join the local Knitter's Guild group (Minnesota presents Yarnover each fall)

#11 How to interact with Ravelry threads easy and fast

- o Search and Click on Irocknits Group – join it
- o At the bottom of each post there are several options for you to click - it's an easy way to participate without having to type to respond – especially inside of No Chatter threads

posted about 1 month ago (Friday, December 10 2021)
reply to RosieL's post #4

Thanks so much Rosie!

Irocknits
2114 posts (10)
moderator

educational | interesting | funny | agree | disagree | love (1)

#12 What if you mistype something in the thread (or how to edit)?
- Click the three dots in the bottom right-hand corner for a dropdown of options: Reply, Edit, Delete, Flag post.
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#13 How to post a finished object in a Ravelry Thread?
- See handout (step by step instructions are given).
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#14 What is a no chatter thread?
- A group wants to have no talking interactions so that it will only be posts to qualify for a prize – then they can use a random number generator to choose a winner.
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#15 Click on Community – then Friends:
- Friend Activity (what have they finished lately)
- Friends Blogs
- Friends
- Neighbors (who likes the same projects that you like) - Click on neighbors
- Organize
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#16 Where is "MY" stuff?
- Click on your photo – upper right-hand corner. (a drop-down menu will appear)
- Your settings.
- Your purchases.
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#17 How do I get messages?
- Click on Messages. ✉ (middle of the headings top of the page)
  - Email and blocking.
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#18 Click on Notebook
- This is your personal space, which includes: your Projects, Your Stash, Your Queue etc.
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#19 Projects
- Under Notebook.
- Click on Projects.
- Sort projects by . . . Recently finished; WIPS; recent first; happiness; favorites; weight; color; most yardage first; least yardage first.
- Filter projects by . . .
- View projects as . . .

#20 Queue (things I want to knit someday)
- How to things get in my queue – click on add to queue on the pattern page (upper right-hand corner).
- How to reorder your Ravelry queue
    - Click on queue.
    - Click on the 1 2 3 on the right-hand side next to the photo.
    - A new screen will appear.
    - Click on a circle to reorder the current item.

#21 Make a Wish List of patterns
- Go to a pattern you would like.
- Put it in your queue.
- Underneath the Pattern Title Name in your queue will be a small box: 🎁 Include this Ravelry Download on my wish list (that means you'd like this pattern).
- You can also gift patterns to people on Ravelry from their wish list.

#22 Stash
- Click on My Notebook
- Click on Stash
- Sort stash by . . . Name; date added; purchase date
- View stash as Thumbnails, large photos, list; you can print/export your stash
- Filter your stash . . . Weight, yarn fiber type; color
    - EX: Do you have sport weight yarn in your stash?

#23 Other My Notebook drop-down choices
- Handspun
- Tools - Keep your needle inventory here
- Favorites (things that make me happy; inspired colors; I love this but might not ever knit it)
- Library - Post books and magazines – easy peasy

#24 How to post a project on your Ravelry page?
- See handout (Step by step instructions)
- Go to my notebook: Projects: Add a project

#25 How to post your stash to your Ravelry page?
- See handout (Step by step instructions)
- Go to my Notebook: Stash: Add stash

#26 After all of this, how do I get help on Ravelry if Cori is not here?
- Click the Support tab
    - Ravelry 101 – FAQs
    - There is a help group: https://www.ravelry.com/groups/help
    - Wiki help: https://www.ravelry.com/wiki/pages/HomePage

#27 Ravelry Extras
- https://www.ravelry.com/wiki/pages/RavelryExtras
- Forum Image Uploads extra allows you to post from your computer, your iPhone or by email (handy for other mobile devices) for $5 a year

Let's practice a little
1. Find the 21st most popular pattern on Ravelry right now.
2. Find the group of knitters who love Outlander.
3. Find a pattern by Lisa Ross.
4. Who wrote the pattern Three Color Cashmere Cowl? How many projects does the pattern have?
5. Find a yarn that is 100% silk.
6. Find an event that is coming up soon.
7. Where could you buy a skein of Brown Sheep Nature Spun worsted weight online?