



Susanna IC has contributed 13 wonderful patterns to our pages. She is our featured designer in our Five for Five interview series, which you can follow all of [here](#). Susanna is known for her gorgeous scarves and shawls, in many different shapes, fibers, and patterns. You can see even more of her intricate, knitterly work on her [website](#).



1. Why are you a designer?

I design because I just can't help myself. I've been making art and designing things as far back as I can remember; besides painting and drawing, my favorite playtime was creating clothes for my dolls. Later on, I started university as a pre-med major because I love science, but I really missed the creativity and I switched to fine arts and art history.

2. How did you learn to knit?

My grandma taught me how to crochet when I was five, but because she was left-handed I could not learn knitting from her; it all looked backwards and too complicated. Then, about ten years ago, I wanted to make cabled sweaters for my sons and crochet did not give me the look I was after, so I finally taught myself how to knit from a book.

3. What's your favorite thing to knit?

I am obsessed with lace and cables; the more complicated the better. Complex beaded lace combined with intricate cables – that's my bliss.



([Cerris](#) (two versions), [Derwen](#))

4. Tell us about a job you've had in the past that would amuse or surprise people who don't know you.

I worked as a reference desk clerk in a university library, as an office manager for a large communications company, and as a medical assistant in a pediatric clinic.

5. Finish this sentence: If everyone knew how to knit...

...the world would be a lot friendlier place.



(top: [Giardina](#), [Geada](#), [Stellaria](#), bottom: [Tendrils](#) (two versions))