



Today's post is brought to you by Aine Ryan, designer of the lovely Luggala and first-time Twist contributor. You can find out more about Aine (as well as this post) on her blog, [here](#). Enjoy!



Way back in November 2012, I was privileged to be included in the [Twist Collective Winter 2012](#) issue. My design was '[Luggala](#)', a long-line jumper / sweater / pullover with a lacy cowl neck and kangaroo pocket.

A few years ago when I was keen to start knitting again, but tired of unflattering, outdated patterns,

I did an internet search for things like 'modern knitting patterns' or 'trendy knitting patterns' or something similarly cheesy. This was when I came across Twist and specifically, their [Fall 2009](#) issue. And I fell in love. The '[Bus Stop](#)' story completely won my heart and it wasn't long before Ysolda's [Vine Yoke Cardigan](#) was on my needles. I had found an up-to-date, fashionable, beautiful source of knitting patterns! Yay!

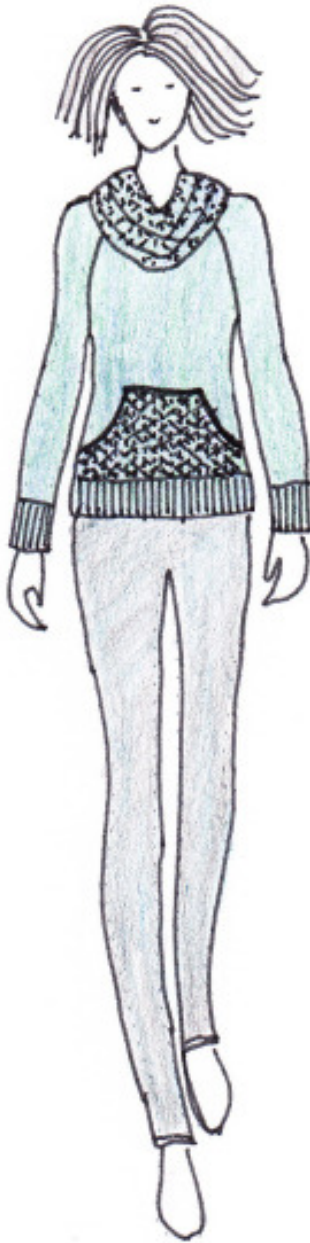
So when I decided to give designing a go, I knew exactly where I wanted to start – Twist! Aim high, I thought! When I submitted my design proposal back in April 2012, I had never designed anything before, let alone prepare a submission. I can't tell you how excited I was when I found out it had been accepted and then to finally see it in print last November.



I wanted to create a cosy Winter garment that would keep the wearer warm without being too bulky or heavy. So I designed a fitted, slightly long length jumper. Raglan sleeves, because they're my favourite and always flattering. To keep it warm and cozy, I added a cowl neck, but in lace, to keep it light and feminine.



The final touch, to make it a little bit different and fun, was the kangaroo or hoodie style pocket. I added this for a note of casual, comfy styling, but again it's knit in lace.



In the submission sketch, I just drew it simply with skinny jeans / leggings, which is how Twist styled it too in the end! I'm no fashion artist and I'll let you in on my secret tool – [Fashionary](#) templates (psst- bloglady's note- also check out the [Style Friday post](#) where we featured Luggala).

I hope you like Luggala which can be bought directly from [Twist Collective](#).

Finally, a note on the name. 'Luggala' is a place in Co. Wicklow, Ireland, where I spent many Summers as a child. Enjoy a few pics. Lots more on [Flickr](#).







