



# Getting Started

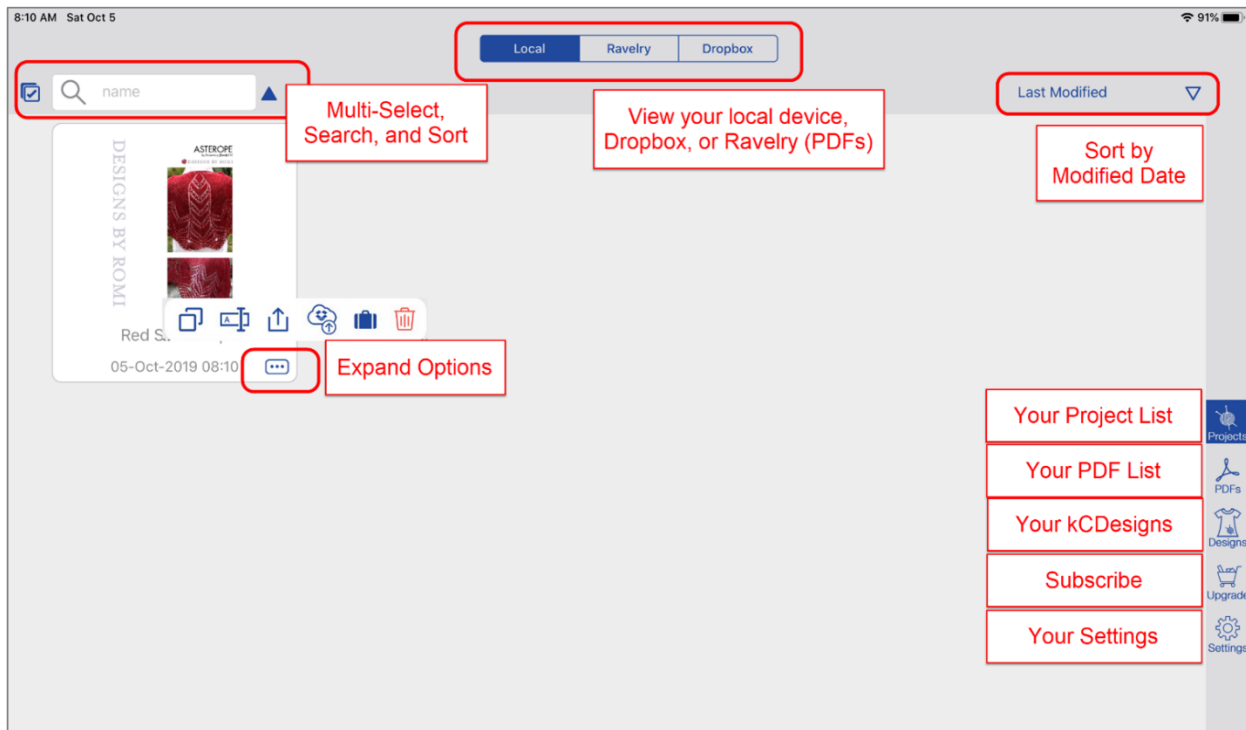
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## Features List

	 kC Basics	 Setup + Essentials
Unlimited projects from any PDF	✓	✓
Sync Across Devices	✓	✓
Links to Ravelry and Dropbox	✓	✓
Sliding Row and Stitch Markers	✓	✓
You Are Here Marker	✓	✓
Counters (simple)	✓	✓
Rotate Pattern Pages	✓	✓
Project Notes	✓	✓
Project Timer	✓	✓
Quick Key		✓
Highlights (sizes, etc)		✓
Named Colors		✓
Inverted Markers		✓
On-page Notes		✓
Linked Counters		✓
Customize Simple Counters		✓
Customize Sliding Markers		✓
MKAL Support (Append PDF)		✓
Add Video and Edit Timer		✓
Knit Calculators		✓
Scribble (also in kC Designs)		✓
Magic Markers (also in kC Designs)		✓
Multiple Keys		✓
Customize Pieces		✓
Re-order & Rename Pieces		✓
Custom Project Picture		✓
Cropping		✓
Automated Chart Setup		✓
Mirror Charts		✓
One-Tap Marker (Charts & Written)		✓
Voice Control 		✓
Assemble Multi-Part Pieces		✓
Row Reminders (Charts & Written)		✓
SmartCounters (Charts & Written)		✓

# Home Page



Don't see these options? Tap  upper left.



View your list of knitCompanion projects. The default view is a grid-like view of large images, sorted by Date. You can change this in Settings. *See the Settings guide for more information.*

To open a project, just tap it.

- **Local:** View the projects on your Local device.
- **Dropbox:** View the projects in your Dropbox.

This page scrolls up and down as you swipe your finger along the page.



All your PDFs are at your fingertips. The default view is a grid-like view of large images, sorted by name ascending from A – Z. Change this in Settings.

*See the Settings guide for more information.*

To view a PDF, just tap it. One sample PDF is included with the app.

- **Local:** View the PDFs on your Local device.
- **Dropbox:** View the PDFs in your Dropbox.
- **Ravelry:** View the PDFs in your Ravelry Library

Don't see these options? Tap  upper left, then tap PDFs on right.

This page scrolls up and down as you swipe your finger along the page.

Note: Add any PDF to your knitCompanion using your device's built-in Share/Open With feature.




Access your kCDesigns. To view a kCDesign, tap it.

*See kCDesigns later in this guide for more information.*



Unlock more tools! Purchase or restore a knitCompanion subscription.



Tap  to go to your knitCompanion settings.

*See the Settings guide for more information.*

## View a PDF

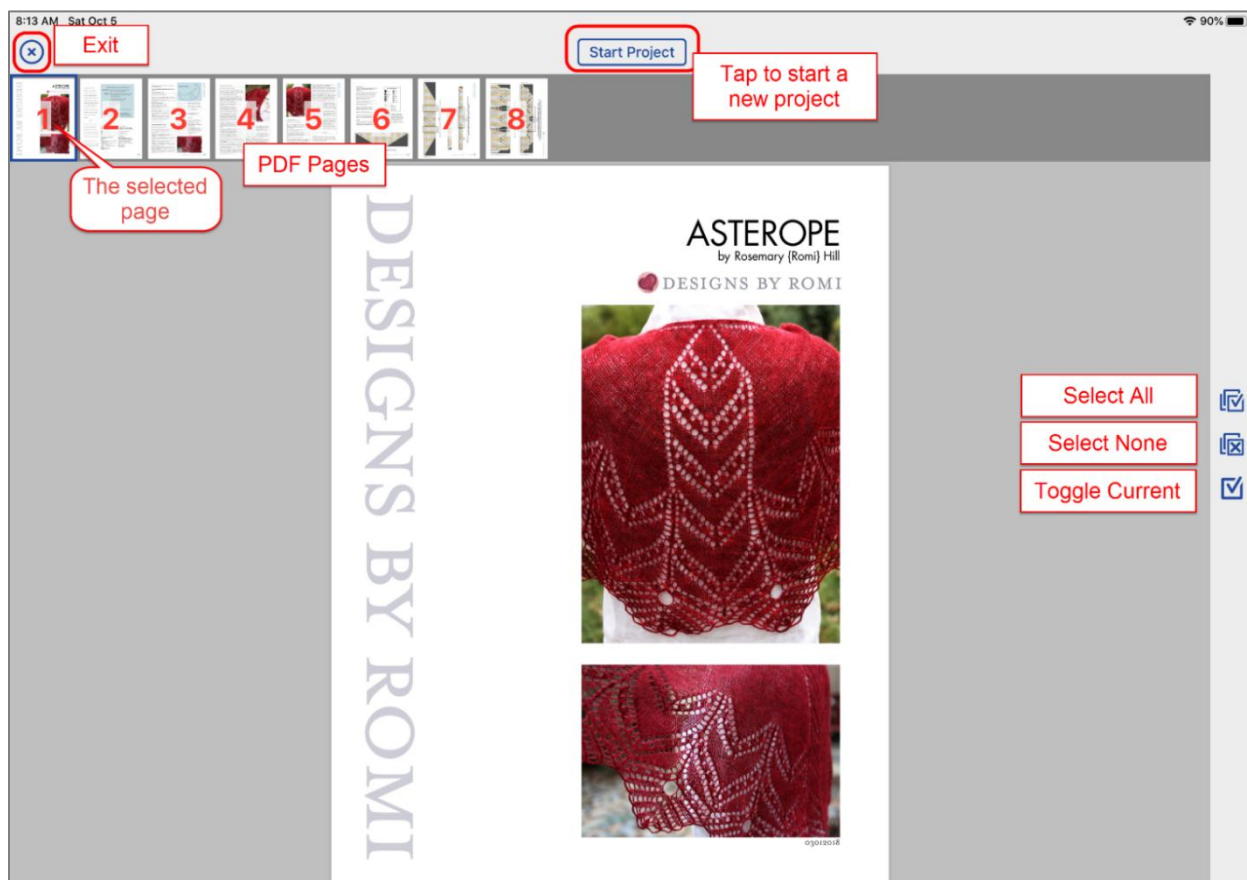


To view a PDF:

1. From the Home page tap PDFs on the right.

*Don't see PDFs? Tap  upper left.*

2. Tap to view any PDF.



The pages of the PDF appear across the top.

PDF Pages

- This area slides if you have more pages.
- Tap a page and it appears for viewing.

## Select Pages for Your Project

By default, all pages are selected. When creating a project, all the pages are included.

- But you can select just the pages you need for the project.
- This is useful when adding pages to a current project.



Tap to select all the pages.




Tap to select none of the pages.



Tap to switch between selecting and not selecting the current page.



Tap  to return to the previous screen.

## Start a New Project

There are two ways to start a project:

1. From a PDF
2. From a kCDesign

## Start a Project from a PDF

1. From the Home page tap **PDFs** on the right.

*Don't see PDFs? Tap  upper left.*

2. Tap to open the PDF you would like to use.
3. By default, all pages are selected but you can select just the pages you need for the project.

4. Tap **Start Project** at the top. You may be prompted to enter your knitter's name so you can share the project with other devices.
5. Give your project a name and tap **Create Project**.  
The project displays on the Main Knitting page ready for you to knit.

## Start a Project from a kCDesign

*See the kCDesigns section later in this guide for more information*

1. From the Home page tap **Designs** on the right.

*Don't see Designs? Tap  upper left.*

2. Tap the kCDesign you would like to use.
3. Give your project a name, pick your size and any motif or design options specified in the pattern.
4. Tap **Knit Now**.
5. knitCompanion creates a custom project just for you. Please be patient, it may take a minute to open.
6. The project displays on the Main Knitting page ready for you to knit.


## Project Actions




### Actions

Tap  to show the options for projects and PDFs.




To copy a project or PDF, tap  and name the copy.




To rename a project or PDF, tap  and enter the new name.




**Projects:** To copy or share a project, tap  and select the action.



**PDFs:** To copy, print, share, or open a PDF in another app, tap  and select the action.



To upload a project or PDF to Dropbox for safekeeping, tap  to upload.

*You may be asked to log in to your Dropbox.*



To pack a project, tap  to pack the project.



To delete a project or PDF, tap  to delete.




*Caution:* Delete is permanent. To keep a copy of a project or PDF for later use, upload it to Dropbox before deleting it.



Select multiple projects or PDFs and take action on all of them at once. Actions include upload to Dropbox, Pack (for projects), and Delete.

To multi-select projects and PDFs:

1. Tap Projects or PDFs.
2. Tap  .
3. Select one or more files and tap the button for the desired action.




Type the name and results automatically appear.



Tap to toggle between ascending and descending order.

### Viewing Your Dropbox and Ravelry

To view your Dropbox or Ravelry, from the Home page tap Dropbox or Ravelry at the top.

- You may be prompted to log in.
- *Don't see Ravelry?* Tap  upper left.

## Import a project from Dropbox

To knit or update a project that is in your Dropbox, import the project.

1. Tap **Dropbox** at the top, you may be prompted to log in.
2. Navigate your Dropbox and tap any project to import it.
3. Tap **Local** to see the project which is now on your Local list.
4. To open the project, just tap it. The project opens for viewing on the main knitting page.

## knitCompanion Modes

Every project has its own Main Knitting page so you can have many projects going at once and never lose track!

knitCompanion provides three modes for you to work with:

1. **Knit:** Where you will be knitting your project. **Knit** is covered in this guide.
2. **Edit:** Customize your project using tools to add highlights and notes, customize markers and counters, add project info, etc. *See the Edit Mode guide for more information.*
3. **Setup:** Overcome challenges such as joining charts together, adding row reminders, repeats, and shaping. *See the Setup Mode guide for more information.*

You can switch between Knit, Edit, and Setup modes anytime.

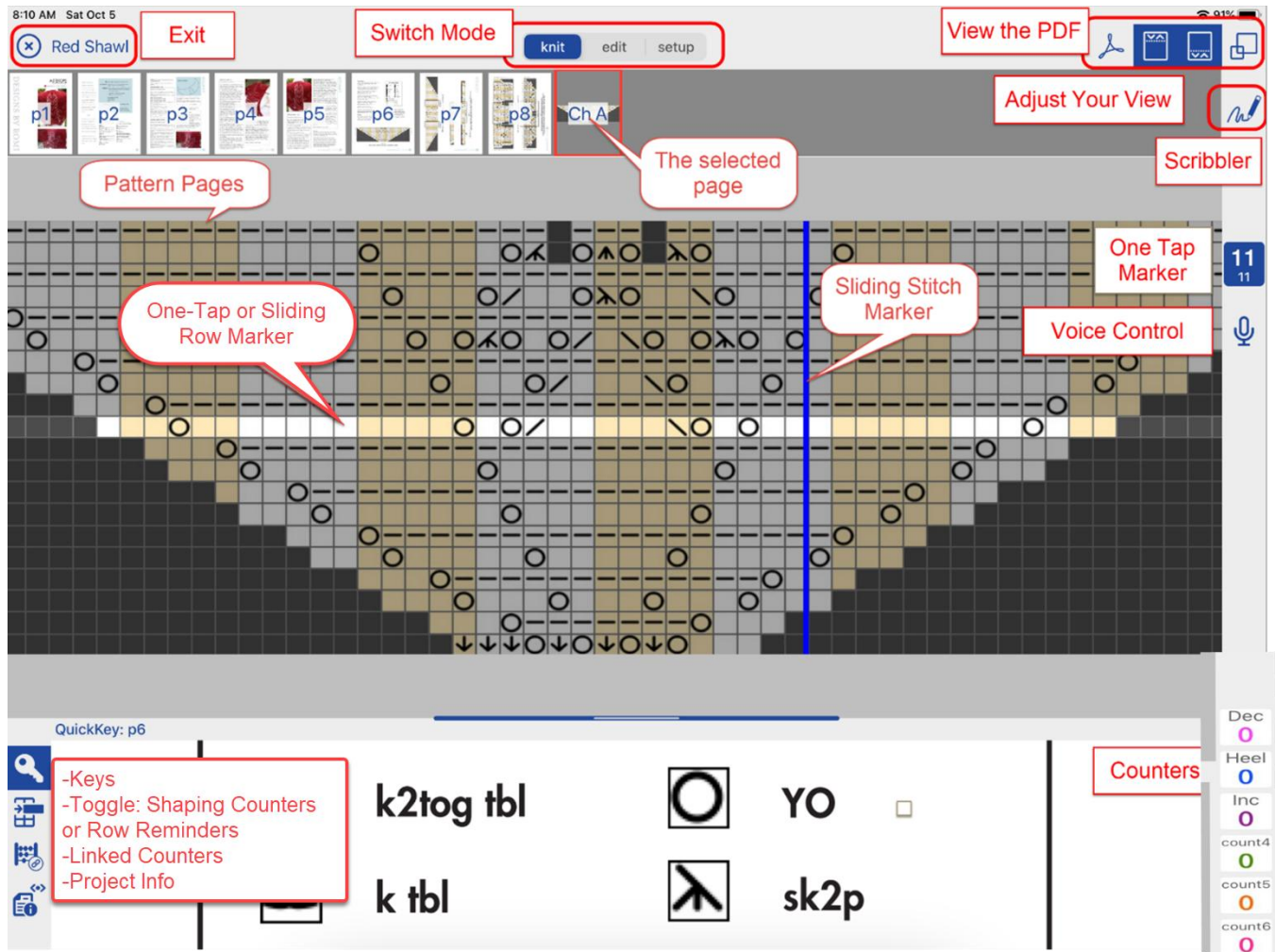
- Tap  to change the mode.

Because of the smaller width of the phone screen or when using slide over and split screen,

use the Mode button  to switch between Knit, Edit, and Setup.

## Main Knitting Page – Knit Mode

Every project has its own Main Knitting page so you can have many projects going at once and never lose track.



### Knit Mode

- Where you will be knitting your project.
- The default mode for the Main Knitting page.
- Counters, markers, keys, and more are available to track your way as you knit.

*Pro Tip:* It is easy to tell that you are in Knit Mode, there are 6 colored counters on the bottom right.

## View pattern pages

Each page of the pattern displays across the top.

- This area slides if you have more pages.
- Tap a page and it appears in the center ready for you to knit.



Sometimes a pattern has one or more pages that are sideways which need to be rotated upright.

Rotate a page:

1. Select the page.
2. Tap the **Rotate** button to rotate the page 90 degrees clockwise with each tap.

*Pro Tip:* Rotate any pages needing rotation before adding notes and highlights.

## Track your progress

Keep your spot in the pattern by using a combination of row and stitch markers.

- Each page of your pattern has two markers by default: a row marker and a stitch marker. These are available on every page (written or chart) when on the main knitting page.
- Drag to move the marker.
- You won't lose your spot because these markers stay in place as you zoom and scroll.
- Control the size and use the Color Picker to select your color for each marker. \$

*See the Working with Color guide for more information*

- Invert settings on your row markers for better viewing. \$
- Each page can have its own customized settings to suit your needs.

### Row Marker

Track your progress as you knit by sliding the row marker up and down or advancing the marker with one-tap.

*See the Setup Mode guide for more information on the one-tap marker.*

### Stitch Marker

Track your progress as you knit by sliding the stitch marker from side to side.

## Count

Count anything you need to tick off using the simple counters; the six colored counters bottom right on the Main Knitting page.

- To use a counter, tap on it to adjust by one.
- Every project has its own counters so you can use them exactly as you need for each pattern.
- 🍏 • You can also view the simple counters in a large format.

Quick Edit:

1. Long-tap (or touch and hold) on the counter and a window opens so you can see the counter name, frog back one, or reset the counter.
2. Tap the background to save your changes.

Full Edit: \$

- Set the counter's color and name.  
*See the Working with Color guide for more information.*
- Set whether the counter will count up or down. The dot above or below the counter indicates whether it increments or decrements.
- Set its minimum and maximum.
- Add or delete counters.

## Voice Control and Commands

### Voice Control

Go hands-free and use your voice! \$ 🍏

To use Voice Control, a one-tap marker must be set. *See the Setup Mode guide for more information on the one-tap marker.*

The Voice Control icon appears under your one-tap marker, letting you know if it is off, on, or disabled.



Voice Control Off



Voice Control On



Voice Control Disabled

### Voice Commands

Use simple voice commands to control your one-tap marker.

**Next**

Move your one-tap marker to the next row.

**Back**

Move your one-tap marker to the previous row.

**Right**

Drags right on your piece to show more to the left.

**Left**

Drags left on your piece to show more to the right.

#### *Pro-Tips:*

- Drag distance is slightly less than a screen width for improved readability across the piece.
- Neither Right nor Left has an effect if the piece is not wider than the screen or if you are already at the designated edge.

- Clear** Clear any shaping steps for the current row.
- OK** Dismiss one of these alert popups:
- Voice Control On notice
  - Popup if you forgot to clear steps
  - Warnings that you cannot go back or forward because you are at the first row or end of total repeats on your piece.
- Stop** Turn off Voice Control.
- Pro Tip:* Voice Control works in conjunction with other audio and works best when the other audio (such as music or audio books) is played using a headset.

## Scribble



Scribble on your pattern! \$

Use your finger or any stylus to write on your pattern.

Long tap the Scribble button for help.

### Using Scribble

*Toggle Scribble On:* With your project open, tap  on the right.

When Scribble is on:

- ONE finger or the stylus scribbles.
- TWO fingers scroll.


Change pages to write on a different page.

*Toggle Scribble Off:* Tap  again to toggle it off.

Scribble uses Apple's standard tool palette. Choose from several drawing tools and colors, switch to the eraser, and tap any tool to change its thickness and opacity.

## Write on Your Key

To write on any key that you set up:

1. Tap **Edit** at the top.
2. Tap **Keys** at top left.
3. Tap  on the right.

*Don't see Scribble? Be sure to tap Keys at the top left.*


4. Follow the steps above to write on your key.

## Add a Blank Note Page \$

knitCompanion provides a blank Note Page that you can add to any project or use as the starting point for a project with no pattern. It is great for adding extra space to scribble on!

- This PDF is automatically added to your knitCompanion, it is called *Note Page.pdf*.
- It is blank, allowing you to scribble any notes you need.
- Add as many blank pages as you need, using the same steps for adding any PDF to your project.

To add a blank note page to an existing project:

1. With your project open, switch to **Edit Mode**.
2. Tap  at the right.
3. Search for the *Note Page.pdf* and tap to select it.

*Pro Tips:*

- To add this PDF to your project, it must be in your knitCompanion local directory. It is automatically added to your knitCompanion.
  - If you deleted this PDF, you can add it again by tapping Reset Built-In Content under Settings.
4. Tap **Add Selected Pages**. The blank note page is added to your existing project.



To use a blank note page as a starting point for a project with no pattern:

1. From the Home page tap **PDFs** on the right.

*Don't see PDFs? Tap  upper left.*



2. Search for the *Note Page.pdf* and tap to select it.



*Pro Tips:*


- To add this PDF to your project, it must be in your knitCompanion local directory. It is automatically added to your knitCompanion.
  - If you deleted this PDF, you can add it again by tapping Reset Built-In Content under Settings.
3. Tap **Start Project** at the top.
  4. Give your project a name and tap **Create Project**. A project is created using the blank note page.

## Bottom Panel Information

There is a lot of information shown in the bottom panel.

	<p><b>Quick Key \$:</b> See both the key and instructions at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select the page with the key or abbreviations.</li><li>• Long-tap (or touch and hold) the Key button at the bottom left.</li><li>• Zoom and position the key. The key you set is always available as you move between pages.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Shaping Counters / Row Reminders \$:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chart Pieces only</li><li>• Tap to toggle between shaping counters and row reminders.</li></ul> <p><i>See the Smart Counter or Setup Mode guide for more information.</i></p>

	<p><b>Linked Counters</b> \$: Linked counters are joined (linked) to a single button so you can advance all of the counters with a single tap.</p> <p><i>See the Smart Counters guide for more information.</i></p>
	<p><b>Project Information</b>: Provides a place to add project notes, track the time spent knitting a project, measure your work, perform calculations, and the option to link videos to your project.</p> <p>Tap the <b>Project Information</b> button to toggle through each option.</p> <p><b>Project Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add and edit project notes.</li> <li>• This can be anything you like, such as who you are knitting this project for, the yarn and needles you are using, information about your swatch, etc.</li> <li>• Once you add a project note, you can view them anytime when knitting by tapping the Project Info button.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Timer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runs automatically while in Knit Mode.</li> <li>• Each project has its own timer so you can track the time spent knitting each project.</li> <li>• Manually adjust the hours and minutes. \$</li> </ul> <p><b>Ruler</b></p> <p>Need to measure your work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tap <b>Ruler</b> and a ruler appears.</li> <li>• Measure in inches or tap Imperial to measure in centimeters.</li> <li>• Choose a Wood or Metal ruler.</li> <li>• Tap <b>Side</b> or <b>Top</b> to move the ruler to the side or top of your screen.</li> <li>• Tap <b>Done</b> when finished measuring.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Calculators</b> \$</p> <p>A variety of knitting calculators are offered. Easy to read results are provided that can be placed directly in your Project Info notes and copied to your clipboard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inc/Dec Evenly:</b> Get instructions to increase or decrease evenly along a row.</li> <li>• <b>Blanket Sizer:</b> Get instructions to create a blanket in your size using your gauge.</li> <li>• <b>Sleeve Taper:</b> Get instructions to taper a sleeve using our gauge and desired sleeve length. Can be for top-down (decreasing) or cuff-up (increasing).</li> </ul> <p><b>Video Links</b> \$</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add links to YouTube videos. <i>Be sure to use a direct link for the video (e.g., youtube.com,youtu.be, etc). Links in your pattern that are not for videos will launch directly in your browser.</i></li> <li>• Name your video.</li> <li>• Play and pause the video, bring it Full Screen if supported by your device, or make it PIP.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Simple Counters</b> \$: View the Simple Counters in large format. Count anything you need to tick off using the simple counters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To use a counter, tap on it to increase it by one.</li> <li>• Tap to decrease by one or reset the counter back to zero.</li> </ul>

# kCDesigns

## kCDesigns



Access kCDesigns by tapping the Designs button [Designs](#).

knitCompanion works with any PDF. kCDesigns are an add-on to the PDF. The pattern is already setup for knitCompanion by our tech editors so you can use the full capabilities of the app *without any setup*.

- kCDesigns support all the sizes and options provided by the designer.
- Features such as one tap row markers, row reminders, smart counters, sizing, motif and design options, and other knitCompanion features are already set up so you can start knitting right away.
- Pick your size and any motif or design options specified in the pattern. Then the magic happens, knitCompanion creates a custom project just for you.
- Our shop is linked to Ravelry so you don't have to purchase the pattern twice.

There are over 1800 kCDesigns available for purchase online at Create2Thrive.

[Link to the  
Create2Thrive  
kCDesign Shop](#)

kCDesigns are available across all platforms: Android, iOS, Kindle, and MacOS.

To access a kCDesign, you must link to the kCDesign shop:

1. Tap **Designs** on the right.
2. Tap **kCDesign Stash**. You may be prompted to log in.



Name

To search kCDesigns by pattern name, type the pattern name and results appear automatically.



Designer

To search kCDesigns by designer name, type the designer's name and results appear automatically.



Tap to toggle between ascending and descending alphabetical order.

## Purchasing a **Setup + Essentials** Subscription

knitCompanion is free to download and includes **kC Basics**. Install the free knitCompanion app from Apple, Google, or Amazon.



Tap **Upgrade** to purchase a Setup + Essentials subscription.

- **kC Basics**



Free and provide basic features you can use for all your patterns.

- **Setup + Essentials**



Adds a variety of markup and editing tools plus the Setup Tools.

*See the Features List on page 2 for a complete list of features included with a subscription.*

A 7 day free trial is included so you can use all the functionality with your patterns for 7 days without charge.

All subscriptions are managed via the app store you purchased from.

*Don't see Upgrade? Tap  upper left, then tap Upgrade on right.*

### Supported Devices

knitCompanion required:

- MacOS 13.3+
- iOS 16.4+
- Android 8.0+
- FireOS 7+
- Windows 10/11: With [Bluestacks.com](https://www.bluestacks.com). You must use Bluestacks 5 Pie, or Bluestacks 5 Android 11. Bluestacks allows you to use google play subscription.

### Version

Identify the version of knitCompanion you have from Settings. The app version is under General.

## Backup and Sync Projects Between Devices

### Sync Across Devices

You can sync across all your devices. Many options are provided.

- iCloud for Apple 🍏
- Airdrop / Nearby Share (Android)
- Various clouds, email, etc...

#### *Pro-Tips:*

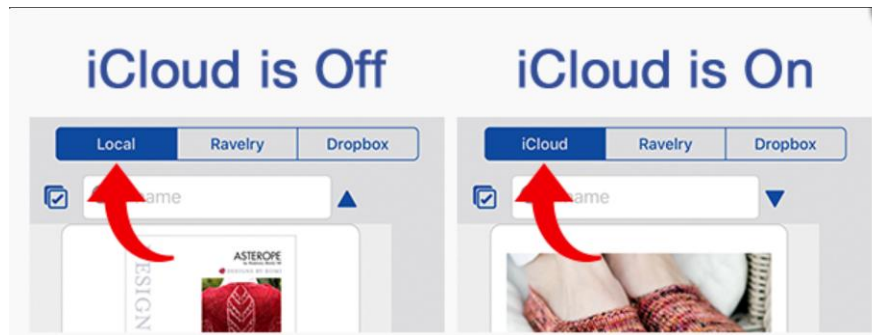
- When you import a project, you are copying the project from your Dropbox to your local directory over the Internet.
- Your knitter's name must match on each device. Find your name by tapping the navigation button upper left and selecting Settings.
- Projects can also be synced using any of the backup options.

**IMPORTANT:** Keep your knitter's name in a safe place in case of device failure. Knitter's name is case sensitive.

### Auto-Sync with iCloud 🍏

- iCloud is designed to automatically sync files between your devices.
- When using iCloud, if you delete or change a project on one device **it will be deleted or changed across all your devices.**
- iCloud is not a good option for archive/backup. See Archive Projects below for creating a backup.

- Turn iCloud on in Settings. You can easily see if iCloud is on or off for a given device.



### Sync using any Cloud or Email (Android)

1. From the Home page tap to expand the options.
2. Tap to share the project.
3. Select any available cloud app such as Google Drive, Box, etc OR Save to Files to store your project in a linked cloud or the folder of your choice in the files app. If you choose Files, be sure to save to a folder other than knitCompanion's app folder to back up outside the app's main storage.
4. To add a project to your knitCompanion from the cloud or email, use Android's built in *open with* and/or *copy to* option.

### Sync using Dropbox (Android)

#### Upload to Dropbox

1. From the Home page tap to expand the options.
2. Tap to upload the project to Dropbox.

*Pro Tip:* If you don't see the Upload button, you need to link to your Dropbox.



### Download from Dropbox



To import a project that is currently in your Dropbox but not on your local device, import the project:

1. Tap **Projects** on the right side.
2. Tap **Dropbox** at the top.
3. Tap any project to import it.



You can also sync using any Cloud or Email (see below).

### Backup/Archive Projects

#### Share to any Cloud

1. From the Home page tap  to expand the options.
2. Tap  to share the project.
3. Select any available cloud app such as Google Drive, Box, etc OR Save to Files to store your project in a linked cloud or the folder of your choice in the files app. If you choose Files, be sure to save to a folder other than knitCompanion's app folder to backup outside the app's main storage.

#### Upload to Dropbox

1. From the Home page tap  to expand the options.
2. Tap  to upload the project to Dropbox.

### Download from Dropbox

To import a project that is currently in your Dropbox but not on your local device, import the project:

1. Tap **Projects** on the right side.
2. Tap **Dropbox** at the top.
3. Tap any project to import it.

## Sync Between iOS and Android

Sync all your projects between iOS and Android using Dropbox or the cloud of your choice.