

Request for Proposal

Fibermuses Corp. Front-end Designer

FiberMuses Corp is a not-for-profit organization consisting of three charter members. It was incorporated in October 2009. FiberMuses owns the registered domain, Nimblestix.com, and the website hosted on that domain. **Nimblestix.com** is dedicated to the development of fiber and textile arts (including knitting, crocheting, and others) for artisans, hobbyists, and those in the industry. It is a resource to learn about new techniques, to share ideas, to make new friends, to track one's own work and to view the creative work of others in a family-friendly atmosphere.

There are several online fiber communities currently in existence that appeal to a specific niche within the fiber community. Nimblestix.com incorporates all of these communities in one place, bringing all fiber artists together. Additionally, Nimblestix.com more fully develops the basic concepts put into place at these other fiber communities, such as controlling personal information, a more comprehensive selection of databases (e.g., fiber, needle, spinning tools, etc.), and access to technical information and advice. Nimblestix.com is focused on being a family-friendly community, with safeguards for our junior members and ease of use for less technologically advanced members. The social aspect of the site is modeled to most closely resemble Facebook-style rather than being forum-driven as is currently the case with other online fiber communities. Users will be able to post their project details from Nimblestix to their Facebook accounts, external blogs, and other mediums yet to be determined.

The website will consist of a community of users in the fiber community – knitters, crocheters, spinners, designers, dyers, etc. Each user has access to a series of databases, including patterns, yarns, fiber and needles, that they can use to create a project. The project can be used to link these different databases, e.g., if a user creates a project using a specific yarn, another user can then view all other projects using that yarn. Patterns, yarns, needles, etc can be uploaded into the databases, linking users' photos as an example for other users to see when viewing the detail pages of these items.

Nimblestix.com will be used by those in the fiber industry as a place to advertise wares and services, gauge market trends, offer technical advice, inform fiber artists of industry events, etc.

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hermoninny posted a new project:

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tkas faved [Cascade 220 superwash](#)

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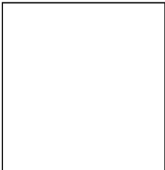
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Children's Felted Clogs




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Designer: [Beverly Galeskas](#)
Source: [FiberTrends.com](#)

Craft: Knitting, felting
Rating: ★★★★★

Difficulty:
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Description: Fast and easy, felt clog slippers for children. Knit with double yarn and designed to be felted to a very thick, firm fabric. They feature double soles for extra comfort and longer wear. Join soles with a "bumper" as shown on the two-color clogs, or with a plain join as shown on the solid colored clogs.

Sizes: Children's extra small, small, medium, large, extra large. To fit foot length up to approximately 5" (6", 7", 8", 9"). Actual size is achieved during felting so you can customize the fit for sizes between these lengths.

Yarns: Clogs are knit with a double strand of heavy worsted weight wool.

Yardage/meterage: Approximately 210 (245, 285, 335, 355) yards per pair. Two colored slippers with a bumper will require approximately 145 (165, 185, 225, 240) yards of sole/cuff color and 65 (70, 90, 100, 115) of upper color.

Hooks/needles: US #13 circular or straight

Gauge: #4x4 swatch on a #13.0 US, 9mm needles = #10.0 in seed stitch

Notions: novelty yarn for trim if desired

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The latest browser versions will be supported. Internet Explorer 6 will be partly supported but users will be encouraged to upgrade for optimum site experience (see http://www.w3schools.com/browsers/browsers_stats.asp). Nimblestix.com will also have a version viewable on major mobile devices such as iPhone, Android, and iPad.

Technical requirements

- be familiar with principles as laid out in "Handcrafted CSS", by Dan Cederholm.
- must be knowledgeable in CSS. Especially CSS3; the site will use styles introduced in CSS3.
- have an understanding of CSS frameworks like Blueprint, 960g, YUI and be able to construct a customized framework for Nimblestix for convenient site maintenance.
- be familiar with HTML5; the site will be using features available in current browser with plans to update/create code as future browsers add more support.
- be familiar with accessibility requirements, as outlined in W3C and WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) guidelines.
- be familiar with jQuery. This javascript framework will be used throughout the site for features such as slide-downs, picture displays.
- does NOT use TABLE tags except to display tabular data.
- know how to create mobile versions.
- be able to take wireframes, and convert into static HTML, and be able to know when to deviate from wireframe original with goal of making the static version even better.
- be knowledgeable and current with emerging innovation in web design
- important - be able to document own work.
- have a portfolio of previous work.

Other skills - Though it is not critical, it would be helpful if the Front-end Designer had some level of knowledge of fiber arts to best understand how the user will interact with the site and to be able to foresee potential pitfalls and problems.

Timeline: Our wireframes are ready almost immediately for conversion. Our beta testers are prepared to populate data fields concurrent with the design process. This can be completed in stages: the CSS needs cleanup and could be accomplished in 2-3 weeks, with the remainder of the wireframe conversion done in stages. We would consider an alternative proposal for consideration with the understanding that we would like to make rigorous progress.

Budget: Nimblestix.com is at the genesis of its creation, without a robust budget at this time. FiberMuses will analyze the results of the RFP's in order to construct a budget, secure funding and use it to set priorities, as there are simultaneous technical needs. The project should be analyzed and priced for the conversion and refinement of the current wireframes. There should then be a price established for ongoing consultation.

Further information: In order to more fully develop the concepts included here, or to ask questions, please contact:

Questions about fiberarts or site functionality-

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Questions about the technical aspects of the site or requirements of this position-

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Please submit proposals to Lola J.L. Beno lolajl@gmail.com by August 23, 2010

Local to Washington DC Metro area preferred, but not a requirement as long as there is consistent and predictable access to various modes of electronic communication.