

## Knitting for Baby Basics

Thank you for your interest in knitting for us. Below is a list of knitted items that we would love to accept.

We have specific requirements for knitted items due to safety reasons for babies so please read the following information carefully.

All knitted items **must** be made with yarn that does **not** contain real wool as they need to be able to be washed at a high temperature and also may cause allergies.

We **cannot** accept any knitted toys that contain stuffing.

### **Blankets:**

These can be knitted as one piece or in sections sewn together.

- Moses basket blankets – size range from 70x70cm to 75x100cm. These blankets must **NOT** have any holes large enough for you to fit your little finger through. We cannot give any blanket to a baby that has holes in it as they can get their fingers caught in these holes and this poses a risk to them.
- Cot Blankets – Minimum 100x100cm – These blankets must **NOT** have any holes large enough for you to fit your little finger through. Most of the cots that we give out go to babies around 6mths old and we cannot give any blanket to a baby under 1yr old that has holes in it as they can get their fingers caught in these holes and this poses a risk to them.
- Cot-Bed Blankets – Minimum 120x120cm – These blankets can be made with any pattern as these are generally given to children over 1yr old.

**Crochet:** In terms of crochet the only limitation is the size of the holes as you see in the information above. So the largest blankets are fine and can be made in one piece or multiple pieces sewn together. For the smaller blankets a very tight UK double crochet stitch can be okay as long as the holes are small enough to NOT fit your littlest finger through.

### Cardigans/Jumpers

- We can accept cardigans and jumpers for ages 0-5yrs for girls, boys and neutral colours that can be used for either gender. We do not need Prem size cardigans as we already get more of these than we need.
- We cannot use any cardigans that tie at the neck with ribbons or other ties, cardigans with buttons or jumpers are great.
- Please also avoid very lacy patterns for Babies under 1yr as fingers can become entangled in the holes.
- Ensure buttons are securely attached.

Knitted booties or mittens – We are always in need of newborn booties and mitten sets – please pair these together so they do not get separated.

### Knitted Hats

- We do **NOT** need any Prem or Newborn baby hats knitting as we already get more of these than we need.
- We can accept small numbers of older children's hats ages 1-5yrs.

If there are any other items that you knit and think we may be interested in then please contact us to find out if this is something we can accept as we do not want you to waste any time or resources making things we cannot take.