

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 can be washed at a high temperature, and is hypoallergenic such as acrylic, cotton, bamboo. Please try to avoid wool as the lanolin in the wool can irritate babies' skin.

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

For free, downloadable knitting patterns for cardigans, we have found Allfreeknitting.com to be very helpful. Just type what you are looking for in the search bar in the top right hand corner and off you go! Here is the direct link : <https://www.allfreeknitting.com/>

Blankets:

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

- Moses basket blankets – size range from 70x70cm to 70x90cm. 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 for ages **0-3mths** for in girl, boy or neutral colours although we always need more neutral colours - green, yellow, cream, white, stone etc
- 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 Hats

- We **do not need** Prem or Newborn baby hats knitting at this time.

- Hats must **NOT** have ties or fastenings around the neck as this can be a strangling hazard.

Toys/Teddies

- We **CANNOT** accept any stuffed knitted teddies or toys.
- We can take hand puppets and knitted baby comforters as long as the head part is not stuffed.

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.