



Project - July 2018

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Starting 01 July 2018, through to 19 August 2018, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing and knitting/ crocheting clothing, bedding and toys for preemie babies.

Who are we supporting this project?

The charity and community partners we are focusing on this project are:

Various Prem support organisations and NICU/ SCN around Australia.

We are still gathering information on specific needs for some places, however the patterns available in files cover the majority of suitable items.

We have not listed each individual organisation due to this, items will be allocated on an as needed basis.

If you are aware of a prem support organisation or unit that is in need of some handmade love please message the Boss Lady and we will see how we can help.

What exactly are we sewing?

Beanies, gowns, blankets, shirts, bears...the list is (almost) endless!

If you have any favourite patterns we encourage you to use them. The Boss Lady will ensure each organisation only receives their approved items. Please note whether or not an item is suitable for an organisation is determined by the receiving organisation, not Sewing for Charity Australia.

I knit or crochet - how can I help?

There are so many opportunities for our yarn ladies (and men!) in this project! Please see group files for some patterns or use your own favourite.

We have been asked for beanies approx 35cm by several organisations so if you can help with this then we would be grateful.

Details

Where a link to a tutorial or further information is provided, please read all linked information before proceeding - the table provides a summary only for those items.

Organisation	Item	Fabric & Notions	Size	Link to details / pattern / tutorial
All	Various - see group files	See each pattern for specifics	Various	Please see files & patterns page

In addition to patterns found in files, the following are needed:

- Hemmed Dribble cloths – for under baby’s head - 30cm x 20cm **COTTON**
- Hemmed Belt - to hold the baby down measures 55cm x 8cm **COTTON**
- Quilts and blankets (Rectangular) - 70cm x 50cm **FLANNELETTE OR COTTON, KNITTED OR CROCHET**
- Quilts and blankets (Square) - 55cm x 55cm
- Muslin Wraps
 - Small 75cm x 50cm in single muslin cloth with over-locked edges
 - Medium 90cm x 75cm in single muslin cloth with over-locked edges

How many?

- Unlimited - as many as we can make!

The most requested items are usually (in no order)

- Peanut Pillows
- Pookie Pillows
- Sheets/ wraps
- Isolette covers

Note: Whilst we appreciate all beanies, many organisations report they currently have enough stock. That said, we will still gratefully accept any knitted or sewn prem beanies and will ensure over time they go where they are needed.

How else can I help?

Unable to sew/ knit/ crochet for this project but still want to contribute? Here are a few other ways you can help:

A. Are you local to The Lair?

- We need many hands to sort and pack the made items throughout the project. Come to a regular Community Collaboration Day. See our Events calendar for details, or, let us know when you're free to help

B. Do you have a good eye for a bargain (or, just enjoy shopping!)?

- We need packaging supplies - clear self sealing cello bags Size A4 and A5 (ish)
- Sewing thread
- Overlocking thread
- Suitable wool
- Baby/ kids fabric - bright colours, baby themes, small print cotton or polycotton
- Plain cotton or polycotton fabric
- Flannelette
- Size 16 snaps in various colours

Important dates

Items need to arrive at the lair no later than **26 August 2018**. This will allow them to be sorted, packaged and sent out to our charity partners by early September.

Where do I send things?

Send any finished items or donated materials to "The Lair":

Cass Gell (AKA Boss Lady)

38 Bladensburg Dr

Waterford QLD 4133

FAQs

II. What items do we need the most?

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- Sheets/ wraps
- Isolette covers
- Pookie Pillows

III. Do I need to pre-wash my fabric?

Yes please! Fabric should be pre-washed hot OR washed cold and dried in a clothes dryer on hot. This serves several purposes - removal of residual dye that may run / bleed; removal of factory chemicals / residues from the fabric manufacturing process; shrinking of fabric (if it is inclined to do so).

IV. I need fabric for this project. Can this be sent to me?

Yes! We can usually send you fabric from donations at the lair. If possible, please consider covering postage. Contact Admin to arrange.

This month we are also launching our new project boxes for those who want to help but have limited time to shop for fabric, wash it, cut it and then sew.

Each box will cost \$25 and include cut fabric, sewing tutorial for all included items, matching thread, any haby if needed and also includes the cost of postage to you.

These will be available from 9th July and are strictly limited!

Details on how to order will be in the project forum on Monday 9th July.

V. Where do I send completed items?

Completed items should be sent to The Lair, 38 Bladensburg Dr Waterford QLD 4133

VI. What courier service should I use to send in items?

Use whichever courier or postal service you would like. As a guide, our volunteers have found Sendle to be of good value in available areas.

VII. I made a mistake! Should I bother finishing / sending the item in?

Yes! Many charity groups use items of all sizes throughout the year. Even if the specific charities this month are unable to use it, be assured every item can find a grateful home.

VIII. I need some hands on guidance - can someone show me how to make one?

Probably! Upcoming meetups can be found on our events page. If you can't make it or there is not a get together near you, get in touch and we may be able to find another sewing volunteer locally you can collaborate with outside of the regular community groups!

Still have questions?

Talk to us! We'd love to say hi :)

- Email: volunteer@sewingforcharity.com
- Post on our Facebook page or send a private message (PM). Search "Sewing for Charity Australia"
- Call Cass on 0498 213 410