



Project - March 2019

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During February, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing gifts for Aussie mums!

Who are we supporting this project?

The charity partners we're focusing on during this project are:

- [m.a.d.woman foundation](#)

m.a.d.woman was set up to encourage, engage and inspire people to make a difference to their communities, environment and people in need.

m.a.d.woman is collecting gifts for mothers fleeing domestic violence.

- [Life's Little Treasures Foundation](#)

Australia's foremost charity dedicated to providing support, friendship and information, specifically tailored for families of premature or sick babies.

LLTF is collecting gifts to distribute to new mothers of premature babies in hospitals across Australia.

Details

After liaising with our charity partners we have come up with a list of suggested handmade items.

The list is not exhaustive, and we welcome new ideas!

We have created a document with some links to tutorials - these are only suggested and found via google search. The document is able to be edited so you can add your own ideas and links also <3

You can view the document here - [Mothers Day Project Ideas](#)

We have also created a gallery of some gifts we have created/ donated in past projects. You can view this here - [gallery](#).

How many do we need?

As many as we get!

LLFT is assisting 1500 mothers and m.a.d.woman is working with numerous agencies to assist thousands of women.

How else can I help?

Unable to sew 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 a number of volunteers to help cut fabric for this project. Got a hand or two spare to help hold something steady? Got a good eye for a straight line (with a ruler involved too!)? We want you! Get in touch with Cass today!
- We need many hands to sort and pack the bags throughout the project. Come to a regular Friday Community Collaboration Day, 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 lip balms, hand creams, notebooks, nice pens, and any small gifts you think suitable

Important dates

Items need to **arrive** at the lair no later than **Wednesday 3rd April**.

Where do I send things?

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

38 Bladensburg Drive
Waterford QLD 4133

FAQs

Do I need to pre-wash my fabric?

- C. 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). This process needs to occur BEFORE cutting.

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

- D. Yes! We can send you fabric from donations at the lair. If possible, please consider covering postage.

Where do I send completed items?

- E. Completed items should be sent to The Sewing Lair; 38 Bladensburg Dr
Waterford QLD 4133

What courier service should I use to send in items?

- F. Use whichever courier or postal service you would like. As a guide, our volunteers have found the below services to be of good value:
 - For a small number of items (up to 5kg) - Australia post satchel
 - For larger, heavier items (>5kg) - Sendle courier service

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

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

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

- H. Probably! Some options are below. Have a chat and we may be able to find another sewing volunteer locally you can collaborate with outside of the regular community groups!
- Video tutorials will probably be on YouTube - try a simple Google search.
 - Post your specific question in the volunteer forums and someone will likely have the answer!

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).
- Post a question in our volunteer forums - forums.sewingforcharity.com
- Call Cass on 0498 213 410