Starting 02 September 2019, through to 31 October 2019, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing and knitting/crocheting clothing, bedding and toys for premmie babies.

Who are we supporting this project?

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

**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.

The Foundation’s services are available in hospitals (neonatal and special care units) and in the community when families come home.

It was founded in 2005 by parents, all of whom had a sick or premature baby. They realised how important it was for families to have access to information and a community they could identify with and feel apart of. Someone who understood the challenges that they faced.

Having a child that is sick or premature can be a very traumatic rollercoaster ride and the Foundation strives to give families the support and assistance they need.

[Facebook](#)  
[Instagram](#)  
[Website](#)  

In addition to supporting LLTF we will also be working with other organisations/ NICU/ SCN to fulfill requests.
**What exactly are we making?**

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

**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.

**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.

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How many?

- Unlimited - as many as we can make!

  The most requested items currently are gowns/shirts, hearts and blankets (both knitted and sewn)

  LLTF have requested no beanies as they already have a great supply from our previous donations

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 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 packaging supplies - clear self sealing cello bags Size A4 and A5 (ish)
• Sewing thread
• Overlocking thread
• Suitable yarn
• Baby/ kids fabric - bright colours, baby themes, small print cotton or polycotton
• Plain cotton or polycotton fabric
• Flannelette

**Important dates**

Items need to arrive at the lair no later than **7 October 2019**. This will allow them to be sorted, packaged and sent out to our charity partners by early October.

Please note: There is currently a huge need for gowns, hearts and blankets so if you do finish them early, please send them in :)

**Where do I send things?**

Send any finished items or donated materials to “The Sewing Lair“:

Cass Gell (AKA Boss Lady)
38 Bladensburg Dr
Waterford QLD 4133

**FAQs**

**II. What items do we need the most?**
   A. This year our biggest need is hearts, gowns and blankets

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

**IV. I need fabric for this project. Can this be sent to me?**
   A. Yes! We can usually send you fabric from donations at the lair. If possible, please consider covering postage. Contact Admin to arrange.
V. Where do I send completed items?
   A. Completed items should be sent to The Sewing Lair, 38 Bladensburg Dr Waterford QLD 4133

VI. What courier service should I use to send in items?
   A. 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 1kg) - Australia post satchel
      ● For larger, heavier items (>1kg) - Sendle courier service

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

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 Volunteers”
● If you’re already in the Facebook group, PM or tag one of our friendly Admins (Select “Members>Admin” for a list)
● Call Cass on 0498 213 410