

Project - January 2021

Go date: 01 January 2021

Starting 01 January 2021, through to 31 January 2021, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing and knitting/ crocheting bunnies for Easter gifts for Premmie babies in Australian Hospitals.

In addition we will continue fulfilling outstanding SSOS requests for large zippered pouches, large peanut pillows and baby wraps.

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 a part 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.

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What exactly are we making?

Rabbits...they need to breed like...rabbits!

I knit or crochet - how can I help?

Knit and crochet bunnies are very much 'in demand'

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/ Yarn & Notions	Size	Link to details / pattern / tutorial
LLTF	Rabbits/ Bunnies/ Wabits	General guideline is soft yarns and fabrics and nothing that can be removed (scarves etc)	Not too big - under 10 inches (ish)	There is no set pattern for this project, so if you have a favourite please feel free to use it. You can use an embroidery machine, knit, crochet or sew these. We do have a free pattern for our favourite Flopsie Wabit on our website - head to Patterns and Files and scroll to the bottom.
Various: Needed for: Babies entering care/ low income families emergency packs	Baby Wraps	Muslin or single layer soft knit (eg jersey)	WOF (110cm-130 cm) x 120cm (ish)	Overlock then hem/ double hem/ bind edges
LLTF	Peanut Pillows	Cotton/ flannelette Lovely baby/ kids prints	Large	Pattern Tutorial Note: You will need to enlarge pattern by 20% before printing

Roundabout Canberra	Toy bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bright, fun kids fabric - Lined or sturdy fabric (eg soft furnishing) - Zip closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30cm deep x 50cm wide x 50cm high 	<p>There is no tutorial for this, however you can follow any lined zippered pouch tutorial and adjust for sizing</p> <p>Get creative - plain fabrics with applique/ embroidery is a great way to use up smaller pieces of kids fabrics</p>
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How many?

- 1500

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 cut fabric, sort and pack the made items throughout the project. Contact your local co-ordinator to see how you can 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 **10 February 2021**. This will allow them to be sorted, packaged and sent out to our charity partners by late February.

Where do I send things?

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

POSTAL ADDRESS

Cass Gell (AKA Boss Lady)

38 Bladensburg Dr

Waterford QLD 4133

HQ ADDRESS

The Sewing Lair

30 Spanns Road

Beenleigh QLD

Drop off during opening hours

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE LOCAL TO AN SFCA GROUP YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP THEM THERE ALSO

FAQs

II. What items do we need the most?

- A. BUNNIES!

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. 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

VI. 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.

VII. 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