



Project - Feb 2021

Go date: 05 February 2021

Starting 05 February 2021 through to 28 February 2021, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing and knitting/ crocheting soft toys aka softies for children all across Australia.

Over the course of the year we receive many requests for bears, bunnies and other small and cute softies to go in care packs for vulnerable children and keeping up with them is a mission! We would love your help to sew, knit, embroider, crochet every type of cute soft toy you can imagine.

We have a special request for bears in a variety of neutral colours, and for soft "twins" - toys that are matching for siblings who are missing each other due to separation for health care.

Who are we supporting this project?

A variety of charities, organisations and community groups across Australia. As they go out they will be posted on our fb page so you can see where they are off to.

What exactly are we making?

Soft toys

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
All	Softies	Anything soft - no embellishments that can be removed and no buttons please	10 inches and under as a rough guide	Use any pattern you wish!

How many?

- As many as possible!

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 March 2021**. This will allow them to be sorted, packaged and sent out to our charity partners by late March.

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. Softies!

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