



Project - Winter Warmers

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Starting 01 April 2021, through to 31 May 2021, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing and knitting/ crocheting beanies, scarves, fingerless gloves, PJ's and tracksuits. Additionally, we are collecting toiletries, socks and hygiene items.

Who are we supporting this project?

The organisations we are supporting are currently being finalised. We will add details and feature them throughout the project. These will be primarily homeless support organisations although we also help schools with warm uniforms where possible.

What exactly are we sewing and knitting/ crocheting?

Beanies

Scarves

Fingerless Gloves

PJ's (Sets are fabulous, but just the pants are also fine - long sleeve tees are available cheaply at kmart/big w etc)

Tracksuit pants and tops

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	Beanies	Soft stretch fabrics/ Fleece Knitted/ Crochet DARK COLOURS preferred	Adult men and women	You can use any pattern, there are many available online
All	Scarves	Soft stretch fabrics/ fleece Knitted/ crochet DARK COLOURS preferred	Approx 6" wide and 70-80" long	Can be overlapped in co-ordinating thread or hemmed
All	Fingerless Gloves/ Handwarmers	Fleece or similar DARK COLOURS preferred	Adult men and women	There are many patterns available online
School	Track Pants Jumpers	Navy Blue Black	Children sizes 4-14/16	Simple tracksuit pants and jumper with NO hood
Various	PJ's	Any suitable PJ fabric is fine	All children's sizes accepted however size 8+ is most needed	There are many patterns available online. You can make an entire set or make pants and purchase top - all is appreciated

What other items are we collecting?

- Gently used/ pre loved children's pj's
- Gently used/ pre loved adult tracksuit pants and tops
- Kids socks (NEW)
- Adult warm socks (NEW)
- Toiletries (see a suggested list below)
- Disposable ponchos

How many?

- Unlimited - as many as we can make!

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 many hands to sort and pack the made items throughout the project. Come to a regular Tuesday 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)
- Toiletry items for emergency care packs are appreciated
 - Deodorant (roll on only)
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes
 - Facewashers
 - Soap
 - Mini/ travel size shampoo/ conditioner
 - Razors
 - Hair combs
 - Lip balm

Important dates

Items need to arrive at the lair no later than **31 May 2021**. This will allow them to be sorted, packaged and sent out to our charity partners by early June 2021.

Where do I send things?

POST

Send any finished items or donated materials to:

Sewing for Charity Australia

38 Bladensburg Dr

Waterford QLD 4133

IN PERSON

The Sewing Lair

30 Spanns Road Beenleigh QLD

[At one of our collection points click here to view \(each state has its own tab\)](#)

FAQs

II. What items do we need the most?

- A. All! There is a huge need in communities for basic necessities and warm items

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 5kg) - Australia post satchel
 - For larger, heavier items (>5kg) - 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! Have a chat and we may be able to find another sewing volunteer locally you can collaborate with. Youtube also has some great tutorials - and we love questions, so don't hesitate to ask!

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).
- Call Cass on 0498 213 410