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Inspired by [Betsy Dey's knitted fetal demise pouch](#)

These wraps are designed to hold the tiny preemie babies that are too small or fragile to be dressed in other types of garments. They are used both to present the babies to the families and for burial if the family chooses, and may be kept as mementos.

Notes:

- * Wrap is crocheted in two parts, a mitered square for the back (blanket) portion of the wrap, and a mitered triangle for the pouch, then joined with single crochet.
- * I like to start my miters out with a magic adjustable ring to avoid the messy holes I always get with the more traditional way. The more traditional way is to start with a series of chains. Use whichever method you prefer.
- * Gauge is unimportant as long as the "holes" in the fabric are small enough that the baby won't be visible through them (and tiny feet and hands don't get caught). Start with the hook size suggested on the yarn's ball band and adjust as needed, keeping the fabric flexible and soft.
- * The Premie Project uses sizes as small as 10" up to 24-30" square. (At the time of this writing they are currently more in need of wraps in the medium to larger range.)
- * As always, please let me know if something is unclear or incorrect; I am not a skilled pattern writer.

Abbreviations:

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

(This pattern uses American crochet terminology.)

For the mitered square:

Create a magic adjustable ring then make 3 sc in the ring. (Alternatively, chain 2 and make 3 sc in the second stitch from the hook.) Chain one, turn, sc in the first stitch from the hook, make 3 sc in the next stitch, sc in the last stitch. With each successive row, add one more stitch before and after the center increases. So, the directions for Row 3 would read “sc 2, make 3 sc in next st, sc 2,” directions for Row 4 would read, “sc 3, make 3 sc in next st, sc 3,” etc. (I lose count, so I place a split ring as a marker in the middle stitch of the 3-sc increase set. Many people will be able to just see where it goes. Mine wanders, so I mark it.) Continue adding rows in this manner until the square reaches the size you need. Fasten off.

For the mitered triangle:

Begin as you did the square, except start with 5 sc in the ring. (Alternatively, chain four, 2 sc in second stitch from the hook, 3 sc the next stitch and 2 sc in the last stitch.) Continue as for the square except make 2 sc in the first and last stitches in each row.

When the length of outer edges of the triangle match the length of the corresponding edges of your square, in the last row make 3 sc in the very last stitch rather than 2 and continue on with sc across the top edge of the triangle. Chain two, turn, and make 4 dc in the first stitch from the hook. *Skip one stitch and make a sc in the next stitch. Skip one stitch and make 5 dc in the next stitch.* Repeat from * across top of triangle and fasten off. (You may have to adjust your spacing at the end of the row a bit on the scallops, depending on how many total stitches you ended up with. Just fudge it so it looks fairly even.)

Join the triangle to the square:

Two of the edges of the square piece will look neatly finished, the other two edges will look a bit less so. Match these unfinished-looking edges of the square up with the outer edges of the triangle and join them with single crochet stitches, making sure the crochet hook goes through both edges of the fabric (again making three single crochet in the “point”), forming the pouch. At the corner where the triangle stops, start the scalloped edging as you did on the top, flat edge of the triangle, being careful to make extra double crochet stitches in the top point so it flows around the point neatly (making 10 double crochet works fine) and continuing down to the other corner where the pouch begins again. You can continue the scallops all the way around the outside bottom edge of the pouch if you wish, or stop at the corner where the pouch is attached. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Make a tie:

Make a crochet chain tie or use a ribbon, about 18” long for a 10-11” square wrap (longer for larger wraps) and thread it through one corner of the pocket. (The tie will wrap around the “back” of the pouch and close in the front.)