

Cuddle's Sample Lending Library

Dear Friend

Thank you so much for being a member of Cuddles and for showing an interest in making items for us.

We have created a library of a selection of samples to give you a good feel of the type of items we supply to hospitals, ambulance services and funeral homes. Most of what you need to know about yarn and sizing etc is on our website. www.cuddlesuk.co.uk.

As you have gathered by now, we specialise in making garments and keepsakes for babies lost under 26-28 weeks gestation. Sometime it's hard to get your head around quite how small this means and so I have included a size chart to give you an idea. The proportions are also quite different, so don't be surprised if bonnet sizes seem over large.

Patterns can be found in the 'File' section on Facebook or on our website cuddlesuk.co.uk/patterns.html I will enclose some printed patterns which you are welcome to keep if you do not have a printer of your own. I can also print off and send you any patterns you particularly want.

Please be aware that pastel shades and colourful teddies are all part of our repertoire but we get most requests for items in white or cream. These give the staff maximum flexibility in what they can hand out to grieving parents especially when storage in their units is limited. In early losses, the gender is not always clear.

May we suggest that you don't iron or steam any item as heat destroys the texture of acrylic. If it needs a quick wash, please dry flat.

If you want to knit or crochet pockets and want someone else to line and finish them off for you, then the addresses to send them to are on the Facebook page under 'Announcements' or I can let you have them.

We do hope you feel inspired to have a go. All items are gratefully received. The important thing is to enjoy what you do and the love will shine through. If you have any questions we would suggest that you post them on our Facebook page so that we can all learn as you're probably asking the question we all wanted to ask! If you are not a member of Facebook, then feel free to email me your questions and I will get an answer for you.

If you have any new ideas about items that you make and think would be good to add to our collection then please share on FB or email us. We love to be inspired and learn new things.

So, if you wish to borrow some items from our sample library then please email me and we can discuss what you would like to borrow and the address to send it to. A contact telephone number would also be useful

Please return the samples to me as soon as you have had a good look so that I can forward them to the next member. I will enclose a return address label and enough stamps to cover the cost. If you felt able to use your own stamps instead, I would be grateful as that would help to share the cost with me.

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Collection to Date

(Always happy to receive samples if you have any you wish to donate to the library- particularly interested in cream or white items as these are the ones we most want to encourage members to make)

Blankets

Crocheted and knitted. Blankets should be very light weight and between 14 and 22 inches

Bonnets

Beautiful examples of Val's Bonnets
Wee Willie Winkie hats

Bunting and Sleeping Bags

A range of knitted examples

Cribs

Some beautiful examples knitted and crocheted
Large 6x6x3 inches
Medium 6x4x3 inches
Small 5x4x2 inches

Dresses and Gowns

A variety knitted and crocheted showing a range of styles and stitches

Sleepsuits with Sleeves

A selection of knitted items with or without collars

Teddies and Angels

Knitted teddies
Tiny Teds under 3 inches
Micro Teds under 2 1/2 inches
Crib Companion Teds under 2 inches
Crocheted angels.
I don't have an example of a knitted angel

Wraps, Pockets and Capes

A variety of sizes and shapes. Including a 7 inch version as requested by the ambulance services

Cuddles Combo's

There is one made by Kim to give you an idea. They are a lovely gift for the parents. Any combination of items that you fancy compiling into a set would be lovely.