

Knit or Crochet Baby Blanket Guidelines

♥ Quality Standards

We have specific quality standards for blankets we accept and gift to our partner hospitals. We cannot accept blankets exposed to cigarette smoke or blankets that have pet hair on them. Our goal is to provide blankets of the highest quality to grieving families at their time of loss. We ask that volunteers use the specific yarn types and colors mentioned below, as they are most preferred by hospitals, grieving families, and bereavement photographers. **We cannot use blankets made of bright colors, dark colors, beige, black, red, orange, or solid yellow.** All donated blankets are inspected before distribution to hospitals.

♥ Sizes

Blankets must fit inside our keepsake boxes to be used. The best size is approximately 21in. x 21in. If you're having trouble sizing down a beloved pattern, no larger than 25in. x 25in.

♥ Patterns

You choose the pattern; we don't have a preference. The final size and color are most important. If you need ideas, search The Crochet Crowd's YouTube channel for detailed instructional videos. Their instructions for different stitches will say multiples of 3 or 4, depending on the pattern. Crochet loosely and use 60 in your chain. If you end up with a too small blanket, add a border.

♥ Yarn Types

Baby yarn is preferred for both its softness and weight. Please use a weight of 2-4. Blankets made of heavier weight yarns are often too bulky to fold into our keepsake boxes. **We cannot use blankets made with fuzzy types of yarn like Chenille.**

♥ Yarn Colors

Always include a combination of pastel pinks and blues and a mix of complimentary pastels such as green, yellow, purple, or white is always welcome. A mix of blue/pink/white is beautiful. Variegated baby yarn is perfect. Stay away from off-white/beige to replace white. ***Please do not donate all white or all yellow blankets. Keep all colors pastel, please.***

DO

21x21 inches square

Pastels only

Any pattern

Baby soft yarn

2-4 Weight

DON'T

No larger than 24x24 inches square

No bright or dark colors

No solid yellow blankets

No fuzzy yarn like Chenille

No weight over 4