



the nest collective



THE NEST MAKERS CRAFT GUIDELINES

WHAT SIZES AND COLOURS?

We include a range of sizes in our packs, from prem size up to size 1 (and sometimes beyond). We love all colours, especially gender-neutral.

FABRICS AND YARN

We love and accept natural fibres (such as wool/cotton/bamboo or a blend of these) for any baby bedding and clothing up to size 1. This includes blankets, sheets, sleep sacks and anything that goes against baby's skin.

WHY NATURAL FIBRES?

Natural fibres allow babies to maintain their own body temperature and allow their skin to "breathe." When babies overheat (one of the risks with synthetic fibres) they struggle to maintain other aspects of their physiology - this can include, at an extreme, difficulty maintaining regular breathing, regular heart beat and blood sugar levels.

WHAT DO WE ACCEPT IN ACRYLIC/ SYNTHETIC FIBRES?

Toys, such as knitted balls, are a great use of acrylics/synthetic fibres. We have patterns on our Facebook group; The Nest Makers.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ITEM!

It's important that we know about the items you have made so we can get them to the right homes. Please use our craft tags or include a note for each item that includes:

- The age of the baby it is suitable for (size)
- Yarn/fabric type
- Basic washing instructions, if known
- Your first name
- Any other information that the family or we should know about!

BABY SAFETY

- Please don't include any long ties, because they can pose a strangulation risk.
- Ensure any buttons are very securely sewn on (or where possible use a zip, dome or velcro depending on the item).
- Use the appropriate yarn/fabric.
- Use tight crochet patterns so that little fingers don't get caught in holes.
- Please see our Toy Safety Guidelines when making baby toys.

We ask our crafters to follow the Commerce Commission Standards. A link to these and our other guidelines can be found at www.thenestcollective.org.nz/hestmakers