

## 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 loose and use 60 in your chain. If you end up with a blanket that's too small, add a border.

### ♥ Yarn Types

Baby yarn is preferred for both its softness and weight of about 3.5oz to 5oz. Blankets made of yarns with a weight of 7oz. or more 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 both pink and blue. Mix in complementary shades of pale green, yellow, or white. A mix of blue/pink/white is beautiful. Stay away from off-white/beige to replace white. ***Please do not donate all white or all yellow blankets. Keep all colors pastel, please.***