



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 that have been exposed to cigarette smoke or have pet hair on them. They can be washed before sending them in if necessary.

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. It does not have to be a perfect square. Please, no round blankets

♥ 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 blanket that is too small, consider adding a border in a complementary color.

♥ Yarn Types

Please use baby yarn for both its softness and weight. Please use a weight of 2-4. Blankets made of heavier-weight yarns are too bulky to fold into our keepsake boxes.

♥ Yarn Colors

Always include a combination of **pastels** that could be used for either a boy or a girl. We ask that each blanket include both pink and blue. A mix of blue/pink/white is beautiful. Variegated baby yarn is perfect (has all of the pastel colors included). **Please do not donate solid colors. Keep all colors pastel, please.**

Ex. A blue-and-green mixture is generally for a boy, so add some pink and yellow.
(Pastels only)

DO

21x21 inches square

Pastels only including
both pink and blue

Any pattern

Baby soft yarn

2-4 Weight

DON'T

No larger than 25x25 inches square

No bright or dark colors

No round blankets

No solid color blankets

No weight over 4