

QMCG PREFERRED ITEMS LIST 2019

**Please note that all items must be machine washable.
Please do not knit or sew items while you have a contagious or infectious illness as many items are NOT laundered before use.**

*** For Homeless Men and Women** – warm hats, gloves, scarves, fingerless mittens, and snoods. Simple patterns and dark colours (no bright colours please) chunky and warm; hats long enough to cover ears, no tassels/ pompoms.

Blankets – (4' x 5' (120cm x 180cm), Knee blankets 3' x 4' (90cm x 120cm), knitted, crocheted or fleece. Bright colours/ patterns appreciated, but only in small quantities.

Women – bed jackets, bed socks, leg warmers.

Men – sleeveless jumpers and bed socks.

11-15 year olds – hats, scarves, and gloves.

2 – 10 year olds – hats, gloves, and mittens (for up to 5 year olds), cardigans, jumpers, (NB with neck opening large enough for their heads).

Babies – hats and mittens sets, cardigans (NO matinee jackets), jumpers (please with large neck openings, and NO straight across the neck styles). Shawls in baby colours approx. - 40" x 40" (1m x 1m). Lacy would be lovely. Buggy blankets about 4' x 5' (120cm x 150cm) light and airy to cocoon the babies.

*** Neonatal Babies** (1.3-1.8kg/ 3-4lbs)– we donate to 5 hospital neonatal units (caring for over 2,500 babies per year), and one hospice.

Knitted hats, mittens and booties for premature babies – NO RIBBONS or TIES please; jersey cotton hats, socks and mittens.

V necked cardigans only- 12", 14" and 16" (30cm and 40cm) in 4ply or DK. Please, NO holey patterns to trap little fingers; sleeves: please cast on fairly loosely to get the baby's arm through easily.

Tiny Blankets from A4 (8.5" x 11") ideally 4ply wool on 4mm needles

Incubator Blankets - 16" x 32" (40cm x 80cm) in pastel or bright colours

20" x 22"/25" (50cm x 55/62.5cm) in pastel or bright colours

20" (50cm) square in pink, blue and white;

Small Buggy Blankets - 26" x 36" (65cm x 90cm)

Cot Blankets, fleeces or quilts - 30" x 30" (75cm x 75cm)

Padded quilts - (loose back or sewn through near the edge as the babies are laid on them, so these need to be very smooth) 18" x 18" (45cm x 45cm) and in Christmas material on one side 14" x 18" (35cm x 45cm) & 14" x 20" (35cm x 50cm)

Quilts as shades - not bigger than 35" x 35" (87.5 x 87.5), neutral or pastel lining

***OCTO's for babies to grip. Hospitals cannot get enough.**

Please contact Elizabeth Carver if you have any queries re these neonatal items. Many free patterns can be found on the internet - NB many patterns are American and use different needle sizes.

*** needed the most**

Octo pattern available on <https://www.spruttegruppen.dk/recipes/>

Tiny blankets:

https://www.knitpicks.com/Patterns/52_Weeks_of_Free_Dishcloth_Pattern_L300256.html

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