

Patron: H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy

NEONATAL UNITS – MOST NEEDED ITEMS

ALL items must be machine washable at 40C.

Please do not handle items while you have an infectious illness. NOT all white - pastel and some bright colours, NO Crochet, NO ribbons or ties on any items and please ensure you cast on and off loosely.

KNITTED HATS - minimum circumference of 10" (25cm) up to 14" (35cm)

KNITTED HATS, MITTS and BOOTEES SETS - new born size - hats 14" (35cm)

To give as gifts on leaving the neonatal unit

***V NECKED CARDIGANS** – NO holey patterns or ribbons

for 10" to 14" chests (30cm to 35cm) in 4 ply or DK

Pattern idea: <https://www.lovecrafts.com/en-gb/p/premature-baby-10-inch-cardi-and-hat-knitting-pattern-by-angela-turner>

KNITTED BLANKETS – in pastel and bright colours. NO crochet

*14" x 18" (35cm x 45cm)

*16" x 33" (40cm x 80cm)

20" x 24" (50cm x 60cm)

***PADDED QUILTS**

18" x 18" (45cm square) Baby or Christmas material on one side (bright colours please) with baby pattern or plain on the reverse. As babies are lain on them, they need to be very soft and smooth with a loose back. **Any stitching through must be at the edge only**

***OCTOS** - these are for babies to grip, they remind them of the umbilical cord which relaxes them, improves their breathing and stops them pulling on their monitors and tubes.

NO painted on faces or buttons and the cotton yarn and filling must be washable at very high temperatures

<https://www.letsknit.co.uk/free-knitting-patterns/preemie-octopus/>

<https://www.lillabjorncrochet.com/2018/02/octopuses-for-preemies-my-contribution.html>

* Most needed items

