



Guidelines for Blankets

		Size	
Blanket Type	Purpose	Width	Length
Quilt	Bag Topper	31" to 40"	35" to 40"
	Stroller Blanket	30"	34"
	<i>Low loft batting is recommended to enable better fit into bags.</i>		
Knitted Blanket	Bag Topper	31" to 40"	35" to 40"
	Stroller Blanket	30"	34"
	• Avoid patterns that require chain spaces, working in the chain space, working between stitches, or tall stitches (e.g., granny squares, treble crochet, shell stitch, fern lace stitch, v stitch, open wave stitch, box stitch, etc.) • Yarn should be machine washable. Polyacrylics are best. Yarns labeled as "baby" or "soft" are gentler on skin.		
Flannel or Fleece Blanket	Floor Blanket	31" to 40"	35" to 40"
	Stroller Blanket	30"	34"
	• Flannel blankets should be double layered. • Fleece blankets, because of thickness, should be single layer. • Preferred finishes include braided edge, looped fringe, crocheted edge, decorative machine stitch, or a standard seam or blanket binding.		
Lightweight Blanket	Receiving Blanket	30" to 40"	30" to 40"
	<i>Should be single layered flannel or cotton</i>		

Additional Blanket Guidelines:

- **Pastel or bright "baby" colors** and prints are preferred.
- **No ties** on quilts or other blankets.
- Please **avoid holiday-themed fabrics**, as we serve a diverse community.

Guidelines for Other Items

- **No ties on bibs or hats.** Closures should be snaps or Velcro only.
- **Hats**
 - Hat Circumference Min 13" Max 17"
 - Hat Height Min 4.5" Max 6.5"
 - **No pom poms or tassels**
- **Bibs** must have a **neck circumference opening** between 9.5" to 12."
- Toys should be **free of buttons or plastic eyes**, as these can be a choking hazard.
- **Yarn** should be machine washable (poly-acrylics best). Avoid cotton for hats, booties and sweaters as shrinkage may distort fit. Yarns labeled as "baby" or "soft" are gentler on skin.
- Find some patterns that we like on our website (gentlyhugged.org > Get Involved > Make Handmade Items for Babies).

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