



NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF CANADA NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

The Needlework Guild of Canada, Toronto Branch provides new handmade or purchased goods to local charitable agencies who care for those in need.

We thank you for your interest in the NGC. Members agree to annually donate two handmade items or make a cash donation to enable our Purchasing Chair to buy items. Tax receipts are issued for donations of at least \$10. Members are organized into named groups, each headed by a Convenor who is responsible for gathering donated items each fall. New members may join as groups or as individuals who will be assigned to a group. Some groups meet to knit and others prefer to knit by themselves.

We currently support the Agencies listed below:

Abiona Centre For Infant and Early Mental Health	Romero House
Children's Aid Society of Toronto	Rosalie Hall
Elizabeth Fry Toronto	Scarborough Village Residence
Family Residence	Scott Mission
Haven Toronto	Sistering – A Woman's Place
Jessie's, The June Callwood Centre For Young Women	The Neighbourhood Group Community Services
Krasman Centre	The Salvation Army – Evangeline Residence
LAMP Community Health Centre	West Neighbourhood House
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto	Women's Habitat of Etobicoke
New Circles	Yonge Street Mission
Robertson House	

Knitted items, purchased items, layettes and hygiene kits are provided to our Agencies at our annual Distribution Day early in November. Camp Kits are given in June. Convenors will provide more info.

OUR AGE CATEGORIES:

Infants (newborn to 24 months)	Ladies/Teens
Toddlers (2 – 6 years)	Men/Teens
Children (7 – 12 years)	

WHAT WE NEED:

1. **Hats, mitts, scarves, headbands, neck warmers, slippers:** all ages ***no infant or toddler scarves***
2. **Two piece hat & scarf sets:** teens, women & men
3. **Sweaters:** all ages
4. **Blankets:** infants (see sizing guide)
5. **Lap robes and afghans:** adults (see sizing guide)
6. **Shawls:** teens/women
7. **Toys:** infants
8. **Layettes:** infants

- Infant/toddler mitts - strings requested; infant hats – toques or beanies instead of bonnets with ties, no scarves for infants or toddlers due to safety concerns
- Any colour is acceptable for handmade/purchased items
- Items that are not needed: doilies, dishcloths, hot mats, tea cosies
- Please try to have knitted items made to the measurements given below
- Purchased and handmade items must be machine washable
- Items that are parts of a set must be fastened together. (mittens, hat & sweater sets, hat & scarf sets)

SIZE GUIDELINES FOR HEADBANDS:

Children: 2" to 3" wide, **Teens/Adults:** 4" wide

SIZE GUIDELINES FOR SCARVES:

Children: 24" to 48" long, 4" to 5" wide, **Adults:** 36" to 60" long, 6" to 8" wide

SIZE GUIDELINES FOR BLANKETS/LAP ROBES/AFGHANS

Layette blanket	40" x 40"
Large stroller	36" x 40"
Small stroller/car seat blanket	18" x 20"
Receiving blanket (flannel)	30" x 36" or 36" x 36"
Isolette blanket	25" x 25"
Large play blanket for floor use	36" x 36"
Adult lap-robies	36" x 36"
Adult afghans	48" x 72"

Blankets may be knitted, crocheted, quilted or created with purchased fleece. Note: square blankets are best for swaddling.

SWEATERS BY AGE RANGE: (measurement of finished garment is underarm to underarm across back)

Layette Sweaters: 10 inches underarm to underarm across back

Infants (0-24 mos): 9 - 13 inches underarm to underarm across back

Toddlers	2 yr	4 yr	6 Yr	Children	8 yr	10 yr	12 yr
Finished chest	26"	28"	30"	Finished chest	32"	34"	36"
Finished Back	13"	14"	15"	Finished Back	16"	17"	18"

CAMP KITS: include one each - a toothbrush, washcloth, soap, small shampoo, toothpaste, comb (no rat-tail) tissue pocket pack which should be placed in a small ziplock bag. Convenor will provide further info.

LAYETTES: (for newborn to 3 months): 1 bath towel, 4 baby washcloths, 2 receiving blankets, 1 sweater & hat set, 2 prs socks/booties, 1 baby soap, 1 change pad, 12 disposable diapers, 3 grow vests, 3 sleepers, 2 bibs, 1 layette blanket/quilt, 1 soft toy, 1 petroleum jelly, 1 pkg baby wipes. Packed in small laundry basket, placed in clear bag and tied with ribbon. Convenor will provide further info.