

Peggy Purl in our Community

Kind Hearts Trust co-ordinates this project, which has been brought to the MidCentral District Health Board region through the collaboration between MidCentral, Kind Hearts Trust and SuperGrans Manawatu.

Pattern for knitted peggy squares:

Use size 4mm needles and 8 ply yarn. Cast on 35 stitches, knit garter stitch and continue until it measures 17cm x 17cm (approximately 60 rows). NB. Please adjust the number of stitches if required to keep to 17cm so we can match with squares from other knitters.

Pattern to create a Nana Molly blanket:

Cast on 157 stitches. Knit 2 rows.

3rd row: knit 2 together, knit 36 stitches, knit 3 together, knit 36, knit 3 together, knit 36, knit 3 together, knit 36, knit 2 together.

4th row: knit full row.

5th row: knit 2 together, knit 34 stitches, knit 3 together, knit 34, knit 3 together, knit 34, knit 3 together, knit 34, knit 2 together.

6th row: knit full row.

7th row: knit 2 together, knit 32 stitches, knit 3 together, knit 32, knit 3 together, knit 32, knit 3 together, knit 32, knit 2 together.

8th row: knit full row.

Continue like this, with each decreasing row down in twos, until two stitches remain. Cast off, leaving a piece of wool long enough to stitch the open seam to form your square

Blanket sizes and suitable yarn:

For babies and up to one year olds. Must be made with 100% pure 8ply wool. 4 squares wide x 6 squares long. Please attach a label of the yarn used to your squares/blanket.

For children over one. Can be made with any 8ply yarn. 5 squares x 7 squares. Please attach a label of the yarn/s used to your squares/blanket.

More information:

We accept crocheted squares and blankets. Please choose a stitch with a close weave.

Deliver squares and blankets to our donations bin at Knit World, 160 The Square, Palmerston North.

Or mail to PO Box 1469, Palmerston North 4440.

Donations of 100% pure wool beanies, booties, singlets and cardigans for babies in Palmerston North Hospital would also be greatly appreciated.

Mail to: Neonatal Unit, Palmerston North Hospital, Private Bag 11036, Palmerston North 4442 for premature size, and Delivery Suite (same address) for full term sizes.