

BBF Craft Pack

For baby blankets

**buddy bag
foundation**
making a difference to children in emergency care



**Buddy Bear Baby Blankets
Knitting and Crochet Project**





The Buddy Bag Foundation Craft Pack

Get involved and get creative

Become a volunteer and make a real difference

Our volunteers come from all walks of life and a variety of backgrounds and so every one has different skills, experiences and networks who may be able to help us.

Whether your donation is time, money or skills, every single contribution of any kind is appreciated by the foundation.

The rewards of volunteering

- Gain confidence
- Make a difference
- Meet people
- Be part of a community
- Learn new skills
- Take on a challenge
- Have fun!



Helping The Buddy Bag Foundation with your creative skills gives you a purpose and a project which brings joy to the lives of the children in emergency care who receive them. All of the items you lovingly create will go inside the Buddy Bags for the children.

Additional Resources

Please also see our Crafter's Pack for other knitting projects, you will find a variety of different knitting patterns, all donated by our talented knitters with a choice of bears you can knit. Download the pack at our website:

<https://buddybagfoundation.co.uk/bbf-resource-centre/#downloads>

In addition, if you like to sew, there is a drawstring toiletry bag pattern (video) and a pencil case pattern.



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Buddy's Blanket

Free pattern by Marianna's Lazy Daisy Days Design

Required

- DK yarn (or light worsted) – (or any yarn that knits to 22sts = 4" (10cm) The pattern uses a cotton mix yarn so that this Lovie would wash easily.
- A little polyester stuffing
- 4mm needles for the main part
- 3.5mm needles for the head - this makes a more dense fabric which prevents the stuffing showing through.



Instructions

Cast on 2sts

Row 1: Kfb, k1

Row 2: K1, kfb, knit to end

Repeat Row 2 until you are happy with the size (I made mine 9")

Next Row: K2, k2tog, knit to end

Repeat the last row until you have 10sts left on your needle

Continue with the head

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

S1, kfb, knit to last 3sts, kfb, k2

Purl 1 row

Repeat the last 2 rows 6 times more (24sts)

Work 14 rows in stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)

S1, s1, k1, pssso, knit to last 3sts, k2tog, k2

Purl 1 row

Repeat the last 2 rows 6 times more (10sts)

Cast off

- Join the sides of the head
- Stuff the head with polyester toy filling



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Make the ears

- Using a length of the yarn used for the head, create ears by sewing a line across the top of the head at each side
- Add features to the face
- Sew the gap at the neck closed - **securely**

Note: Please use safety eyes on all items do not use buttons for eyes on any knitted item.





Lovey Baby Blanket

Free pattern by Knitfurious

Skill Level: Easy

Size: One Size 10.5 x 10.5 inches (27 x 27 cm)

Materials

- Circular Needles, U.S. Size 7 (4.5 mm), 24" length
- Hobby Lobby's I Love This Cotton Yarn. It's 100% cotton, worsted weight yarn, 153 yards/140 meters, 3oz.
- 2 Stitch markers to mark border edges (optional)
- Metal ruler for correct measurement

Blanket

Cast On 52 stitches with Size 7 (4.5 mm) circular needles.

Garter Stitch Border 1:

Slipping 1st stitch (st) of each row, knit 10 rows in garter stitch.

Pattern:

Row 1: Slip 1st st, knit across row.

Row 2: Slip 1st st, purl across to last 6 stitches, knit 6.

* Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 9.25"

Garter Stitch Border 2:

Slipping 1st st of each row, knit 9 rows in garter stitch.

Bind off on 10th row.

Note: When slipping first stitch of each row, you'll need to move yarn to the back before working next stitch.

Wool in this pattern: [amazon.com/Love-This-Cotton-City-Beat/dp/B0BSVJHTH1](https://www.amazon.com/Love-This-Cotton-City-Beat/dp/B0BSVJHTH1)



Simple Square Blanket One

Pattern kindly supplied by Linda Dugmore

Skill Level: Easy

Size: One Size 18 x 18 inches approx.

Materials

- Wool of your choice
- 4mm needles

Blanket

Cast On 80 stitches with 4mm needles.

Row 1: Knit 2, purl 2 to end of row

Row 2: Purl 2, knit 2 to end of row

Row 3: Purl 2, knit 2 to end of row

Row 4: Knit 2, purl 2 to end of row

Repeat the above 4 rows till the work measures approximately 18 inches.

Cast off.



Simple Square Blanket Two

Pattern kindly supplied by Linda Dugmore

Skill Level: Easy

Size: One Size 18 x 18 inches approx.

Materials

- Wool of your choice
- 4mm needles

Blanket

Using 4mm needles cast on 80 stitches and knit 4 rows

Next row 1: Knit 4, (knit 1, purl 1) to last 4 stitches, knit 4

Next row 1: Knit 4, (purl 1, knit 1) to last 4 stitches, knit 4

Repeat the above 2 rows till the work measures approximately 18 inches.

Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.





Granny Square Blanket Crochet Pattern

Pattern purchased from Daisy Cottage Designs on behalf of BBF



Materials

- 1 Crochet Hook (9/5.5 mm)
- Paintbox Simply Aran Yarn in Washed Teal (232), Slate Gray (205), and Paper White (200)
- You'll need 2 skeins of washed teal and one skein of the other shades if you're making the same size blanket I did.

Pattern Notes

- Pattern is worked through both loops
- At the end of each round you should have 4 ch 1 spaces - one in each corner.
- My finished blanket measures approximately 18" square.
- DC Cluster = 3 dc in the same stitch.

Round 1

Using your first color, ch 3. 2 dc into the first ch, ch 1. *dc cluster into the same stitch, ch 1* 3 times. Sl st to the top of the beginning ch.

You will have four dc clusters and 4 ch 1 spaces at the end of this round.

Round 2

Sl st in the next two stitches and into the ch 1 space. Ch 2, 2 dc into the same ch 1 space. Ch 1, dc cluster into the same ch 1 space. *dc cluster, ch 1, dc cluster in the next ch 1 space* around. Sl st to the top of the first ch 2.

At the end of this round you should have 8 dc clusters and 4 ch 1 spaces.

Round 3

Sl st in the next two stitches and into the ch 1 space. Ch 2, 2 dc into the same ch 1 space. Ch 1, dc cluster into the same ch 1 space. Dc cluster into the space between the clusters on the previous round. *dc cluster, ch 1, dc cluster in the next ch 1 space. dc cluster into the space between the clusters on the previous row* around. Sl st to the top of the first ch 2.

At the end of this round you should have 12 dc clusters and 4 ch 1 spaces.



Remaining Rounds

For the remaining rounds of this granny square pattern, you will be continuing in the same manner. You will work two double crochet clusters into each corner, with a ch 1 in between them. You will work 1 dc cluster into each space between the clusters in the previous round.

When it's time to change colors, cut your first color and weave ends. Join your second color in any of the ch 1 spaces. You will then continue the same pattern with the next color.

Do not cut the yarn at the end of your final row. Continue to the first round of the border.

Border

Round 1

Using the same color yarn as your last round, hdc around the entire blanket working 3 hdc into each corner stitch. Cut yarn and weave ends.

Round 2

You'll now be working a picot edging. Join white yarn using a slip stitch *sc in the next five stitches, ch 3, hdc in the first chain* around.

If you've never done a picot border before, here is a more detailed guide:

Step 1: Join your white yarn using a slipstitch.

Step 2: Sc in the next five stitches

Step 3: chain 3

Step 4: hdc into the first chain. (This is the first chain that you made, not the one closest to the hook.)

Repeat all the way around.

Note: I like to have a picot in each corner so I fiddle with the stitches between picots to make that happen. I used to have a cow if the spaces weren't exact, but I've come to realize that once the blanket is finished, you won't even notice!

Final Notes

Please know that there are many ways to make a granny square blanket. Some people start differently; some people may use chains in places I don't. This is what works for me. It gives the blanket the density that I like and has a uniform look.

To make this in the exact colors I have, you'll want to do the following:

- 6 rounds of your main color (teal)
- 2 rounds of each contrasting color (gray, white)
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- 2 rounds of your main color (teal)
- 1st round of border in main color (teal)
- Picot edging (white)





Where to Send Your Creations

Once you have finished your creation, then please package it up and send it to:

Buddy Bag Foundation
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Please include your full name, address and email address.



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**Thank you to all our talented knitters for making
a difference to children in emergency care.**