

CGOA CHAPTER CHALLENGE 2019

Preemie Blankets!

(size amended 2/7/19)

THE RULES:

The blankets need to be **100% CROCHETED** for eligibility. Knitted blankets, or crochet-edged blankets of other material are not be included in the tally.

1. All blankets to be donated to each Chapter's local hospitals and/or other centers that accept preemie blankets. Do not mail them to CGOA!
2. Send an initial email to Nancy, chapchall2018@gmail.com that includes your Chapter name and location, how many Members you have, and how many are CGOA members. (yeah, I know it's 2019, but...)
3. At the end of each month, send me an email with updated blanket totals, and a picture that includes some of the blankets and some members, and a sign listing Chapter name and total blankets so far. We'll be posting some notices on CGOA's website and Facebook pages with progress-to-date cheering on's.
4. Send a final email with total counts and pictures of your completed blankets **no later than 11:59 pm, JUNE 30**. Any emails dated after that time will not be accepted.
5. Winners will be determined by the total number of blankets done by each Chapter and then divided by the number of their CGOA members. (This way, the smaller chapters can compete fairly with the larger chapters, same as last year's challenge) Winners will be announced at the Members Meeting at the 2019 Chain Link Conference, July 10-13, in Manchester, New Hampshire.

The blankets range in various sizes for Preemies, so we're trying to keep as uniform in size as we can by using an 18" x 20" blanket. Since there have been a few scenarios where that may not be possible, we've come up with the options listed below. Please let me know ASAP if you run a situation that doesn't fit any of the options below!

SIZE OPTIONS – please let me know which option your chapter will be using!

❖ OPTION 1: NICU HAS NO SIZE REQUIREMENT

Make the blankets 18" x 20".

❖ OPTION 2: NICU DOES NOT ACCEPT HANDMADES

Choose a place of donation that accepts full-term baby blankets. You can make one 36"x40" blanket that will count as four 18"x20" blankets or get really creative by making all of them 18" x 20", then joining 4 together for a 36" x 40" blanket, pre-border.

❖ OPTION 3: NICU REQUIRES A CERTAIN SIZE

Make that size, and please let me know what it will be.

PATTERN SUGGESTION LINKS POSTED WITH DESIGNER PERMISSIONS

(Not a requirement. Please keep in mind the size options listed above. These patterns are listed mainly for their stitch patterns) Try to avoid lacy patterns or “holey” patterns so little fingers and toes don’t become entangled and cause circulation problems. **Please remember to keep blankets as smoke-free hair/dander-free, and odor-free as possible.**

- [Preemie Blanket in Multiple Sizes with Different Yarn Weights by Nancy Smith](http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/preemie-blanket-in-multiple-sizes-and-yarns)
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- [Free Preemie Blanket by Kristine Mullen](http://ambassadorcrochet.com/2012/07/10/free-preemie-blanket-crochet-pattern)
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- [Baby Emma’s Blanket by Eileen Chrisjohn](http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baby-emmas-blanket)
www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baby-emmas-blanket
- [Nubby Stitch Preemie Blanket by Kelly Kearney](http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/nubby-stitch-preemie-blanket)
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SUGGESTED YARNS TO USE

All suggested yarns have been safety certified to [Oeko-Tex Standard 100 specifications](#), verified with postings on the website and/or yarn labels, or calls to the company itself. Please use a yarn that is as soft as possible and not scratchy or harsh feeling! **No animal fibers** (allergens) **and no metallic thread running through the yarn** (hospital cannot sterilize blankets with metallics).

#4 Medium/Light Worsted as the heaviest/thickest yarn used

- Red Heart Baby Hugs
- Bernat Giggles
- Bernat Li'l Tots
- Premier Sweet Rolls Sprinkles

#3 Light/DK/Sport

- Premier Everyday Baby Solids and Multis
- Premier Angel
- Red Heart Baby Hugs Light
- Bernat Softee Baby Solids/Ombres
- Bernat Baby Sport (labeled as #3 light)

#2 Fine/Sport

- Universal Yarn Uptown Baby Sport
- Red Heart It’s a Wrap Rainbow
- Red Heart Luster Sheen (no longer in production, but may still be available in your area)
- Cascade Yarns Cherub Baby

CUSTOMIZABLE PRESS RELEASES and GIFT TAGS (OPTIONAL)

Can be used to submit to your local newspaper’s Community Section, as a posting on social media, or as a handout. Your choice. Who knows; maybe you’ll get more new members to help make more Blankets! Since this is in PDF format, for printing purposes specify Page 3 and/or Page 4 for releases, and Page 5 for Gift Tags.



Do you CROCHET?

We Need HELP!

This Year the CGOA Challenge is to make Preemie Blankets

for the little ones in NICU!

To be Donated Locally!!

Join The _____ at

or Call _____ at _____ for additional
details



NEWS ALERT!!!!

Challenge Accepted!!

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The _____

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