

SAFETY RULES FOR KNIT-FOR-NOWT ITEMS

Product safety rules apply to all items we send out, and we are required to test them before donating them. In order to comply with recommendations from Trading Standards, (we never trade but the rules are the same for charity), and to comply with the insurance policy, please note all of the following:

- The eyes and features on items can be done with knitting yarn or embroidery yarn, pieces of felt securely sewn on or with buttons. However, buttons should be **extra firmly attached** - please use strong thread and sew over and over many times to be sure. **Please don't attach any extra/other beads or buttons to your items, only those which are illustrated on the pattern pictures.** All items are tested for strength before being sent out. Safety eyes for stuffed monsters or puppets are fine, but please don't use them in any unstuffed item. Bondaweb for the features on sewn items is fine.
- PLEASE ENSURE that the stuffing you use for monsters, and if stuffing the heads of hand puppets, **has a CE or BS label on the packaging, and that it's suitable for "toys", (no stuffing with any other materials thanks),** and also that there is no loose stuffing inside the item that could potentially come out - it needs to be **completely enclosed for safety.** Also please check that your stitching is not so loose that stuffing could be pulled out between the stitches.
- Please ensure that **any "hair" that you've attached cannot be pulled out,** as the strands can become detached, which is a potential choking risk. For some suggestions of how to add hair to your puppet/monster, please go to Patterns for Hand Puppets Page on the website and scroll down to a document "Adding hair to your Puppets".
- **No very "hairy" yarns, such as mohair, and some sparkly yarns.** They are unsuitable on our items, and **NO POMPOMS PLEASE,** as the strands can almost always be pulled out.
- **No glue** should be used, and please do check carefully that you remove all pins – (we'll also check that again this end.)
- **No ribbons or cords longer than 23cm**
- **Please sew on firmly any accessories** that you've chosen, such as handbags, shawls etc.

Please bear in mind that any items which don't comply will be unable to be donated, thank you