

The process for donating your caps and or NICU blankets (18" x 24") is very simple:

Step 1:

Using any of the yarns on our required yarn list, create a hand-made cap. (There are many patterns on our web site, but use any pattern of your choice). All of the yarns on our list have been deemed soft enough for a sensitive, often blistered cancer patient's bald head. Click here to download our Guidelines for Making Caps & Required Yarn List (PDF)

Step 2:

Follow the Covid-19 Protocol outlined below.

Using the Knots of Love Submission Form (PDF) mail your caps or neonatal blankets to Costa Mesa, CA. The form enables us to keep track of the number of beanies and or blankets you donate and let you know where they're sent.

Step 3:

Send your beanies or neonatal blankets and completed form to:

Knots of Love

2973 Harbor Blvd. #822

Costa Mesa. CA 92626

OR

Take your beanies or Infant blankets off at one of our <u>collection locations</u>. They will mail them to us on your behalf.

Covid-19 Protocol

Our number one priority is the health and well-being of our recipients and volunteers during these challenging times.

Our Covid-19 safety protocol has been applauded by hospitals across the country.

The board and I understand that the protocol we set forth is a bit more work for you our makers. However, we know you understand how important it is to keep the patients we serve safe and to keep everyone who comes into contact with our gifts of love safe and healthy. We thank you for your understanding during these challenging times.

Knots of Love Covid-19 safety protocol:

- 1. All makers are now required to wash, dry, and bag their creations before sending them to us.
- 2. All makers are now required to hold their washed and sealed package for 14 days before mailing, shipping, or delivering them.

All incoming shipments will be held for two weeks in a Knots of Love storage unit before arriving at the Knots of Love office. Outgoing shipments to hospitals will be bagged, labeled, sealed, and only handed off to UPS once the proper amount of time has elapsed relative to their final shipping destinations.

Questions asked and answered:

Q: Does each item have to be bagged individually?

A: No, Each item does not need to be bagged individually. One bag after you wash and dry your gifts of love is sufficient.

Q: What do you mean we bag them?

A: After you wash and dry (make sure they are completely dry after they cool) your creations, place them in a small trash bag, ziplock bag, or a simple plastic bag with a tie. (We recycle bags!)

Q: Can the submission slips be enclosed with the newly washed and sealed items or do they need to be taped to the outside of the bag(s)?

A: Please tape the submission forms on the outside of the bags.

Q: Do we need to use non-scented soap for washing our items?

A: Non-scented soap would be great, however, we understand this is an added expense so it is not necessary.

Thank you, everyone, for your love, support, and understanding. Cancer patients, families, doctors, and nurses appreciate you!!