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BABY BLANKETS FOR THE NEONATAL UNIT

Measurements (finished size):

- Small 1 – 28" x 14" (70 cm x 40 cm)
- Small 2 - 24" x 13" (60 cm x 35 cm)
- Medium 1 - 30" x 20" (80 cm x 50 cm)
- Medium 2 - 30" x 24" (80 cm x 60 cm)
- Large – 36" x 24" (90 cm x 60 cm)
- If you wish to opt for a single size, then Medium 2 or Large size would probably be best

Materials:

- Baby DK, Baby Aran/Chunky or Baby 4-ply – or any other soft yarn
- Soft cotton, acrylic, or acrylic/cotton blend – **blankets must be able to withstand wash temperatures of up to 60° and be suitable for tumble drying**

Pattern types:

- Single colour or self patterning mixed colour yarns knitted as one piece OR
- Assorted colour squares made up into a blanket - leftover yarn knitted up as squares is perfectly acceptable
- Pastel shades are preferred, including multi-coloured yarns and mixed colours.
- Stocking stitch, garter stitch and basket weave stitch are all suitable, as are blankets with a patterned centre and garter stitch border
- Oblong or square blankets are best, but circular or hexagonal blankets are also acceptable
- Crocheted blankets are suitable, using a tight stitch, such as double crochet or half treble crochet – **very open crochet stitches should be avoided**, as there is a risk that babies could catch their fingers in the holes between stitches.