

Angel Pockets

Mothers' Union members in the diocese of Chester produce Angel Pockets which are used in hospital labour suites. These little pocket wraps are used on the sad occasion when babies are stillborn.

The pocket is knitted in 4 sizes, using wool no thicker than 4 ply, in white or any pastel colour. 3 ply or 2 ply is fine especially for the smaller sizes.

Angel Pocket Pattern:

In 4 ply wool, size 9 needles (3.75 mm):

Size 1: 17 cm (6.5" square) 20 gm (½ oz weight)

Size 2: 22 cm (9" square) 30 gm (1 oz weight)

Size 3: 28 cm (11" square) 40 gm (1¼ oz weight)

Size 4: 33 cm (13" square) 70 gm (2¼ oz weight)

Square (mitred)

Cast on 75 (101) (125) (151) stitches.

1st row - wrong side - knit to centre 3 stitches. Slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit to end of row.

2nd row - knit.

Repeat these 2 rows until 3 stitches remain.

Next row - slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over. Fasten off.

Triangle (mitred) - This forms the pocket

At the cast on edge of the square (2 sides) pick up 75 (101) (125) (151) stitches.

1st row - wrong side - knit 2 together, knit to centre 3 stitches, slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit to the last 3 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1.

2nd row - knit

Repeat these two rows until 7 stitches remain. Next row - knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1. Cast off remaining 5 stitches.

To make up: Use ribbon 16" (18") (20") (22"). Thread from right hand seam across the front of picket and out through left hand seam. Gather and tie in bow.

