

# Guidelines for Pouch Making

Please be sure to follow these guidelines when making your pouches and linings to prevent injuries to the animal babies. Failure to follow these instructions can result in broken legs, arms, or caught claws and paws.

- Knitted pouches must be TIGHTLY stitched.
- Do not use eyelash yarn, mohair, angora, or other fuzzy yarns. A tightly twisted yarn of wool or wool blend is acceptable.
- You can double or triple strand your yarn when knitting to ensure a tightly knitted pouch
  - Lining material should only be made from recommended materials within the pattern instructions.

Thank you for making these pouches for baby chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, and many more sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife that need the assistance of wildlife rehabilitators.

We accept pouches and linings year round.

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# Knit & Sew Pattern

## Marsupial lining and pouches

When juvenile marsupials arrive for care they need to be kept warm and quiet. We are always in need of suitable pouches.

You can help our wildlife by making pouches and linings.

### Knitted Pouches:

Materials: 8 ply pure wool (Unfortunately, we are unable to use pouches made from synthetic materials)

Needles: Size 8 needles

Knitting: Pouches should be knitted in plain stitch both sides, or knit 2, purl 2.

Dimensions: 25 cm wide by 30 cm long

Sew closed on two longer sides and one end to leave an opening at the top.

### Sewn Lining:

Material: Pure cotton washable material only, Flannelette is perfect.

Dimensions: 25 cm wide by 30 cm long

The lining should not be attached to the pouch as it will need to be changed/washed regularly.

We generally require more linings than pouches to allow washing and regular changes.

The lining should be closed on two longer sides and one end to leave an opening at the top.

