

# Material Donations

## HOW TO MAKE A DONATION:

Your donated materials and supplies make a difference in our ministry. This guide highlights the craft and office items we currently need most. We kindly ask that you review it before sending your donation. Your generosity helps us continue comforting grieving families—thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



### How to Donate Items:

- **Check Our Needs:** We only accept materials listed in this guide. If you are unsure, please contact us at [donate@bridgetscradles.com](mailto:donate@bridgetscradles.com).
- **Buy New Materials:** Purchase lace, trim, ribbon, charms, or appliqués from stores like Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Amazon, or Etsy.
- **Ship to Us:** Bridget's Cradles, PO Box 316, Kechi, KS 67067
  - Include your **Full Name**, **Address**, and **Email** inside the box so we can thank you.

### What Not to Donate:

- **Yarn:** We do not need donations of yarn. Our knitting and crocheting volunteers use their own yarn to make cradles.
- **Used, Old, or Damaged Items:** No yellowed, stained, outdated, or leftover scraps.
- **Inappropriate Themes:** Avoid bright bold colors, baby-themed toys/gear, or items that may be insensitive for grieving families.

### Quality Standards:

- **Quality Standards:** Items must be new or like-new, clean, neatly packaged, and meet our quality expectations.
- We reserve the right to decline items that do not meet our current needs or quality standards.

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## NEEDED MATERIALS & SUPPLIES:

### Lace/Trim

- Up to 1.5" width
- White/cream lace
- Lace in other light pastel colors
- Please no bright/bold colors
- No short lace scraps

### Ribbon

- 1/4" width or 3/8" width only
- Light pastel or neutral colors only
- Solid-colored ribbon or very simple design (themed ribbon not preferred)
- Please no bright/bold colors or short ribbon scraps
- No rick rack/zig-zag ribbon
- No ribbon with animals, insects, transportation vehicles, or baby-themed toys or gear (bottles, rocking horses, pacifiers, carriages, storks, rattles)

### Gift Cards

- Hobby Lobby
- Michaels
- Amazon
- Office Depot/Max

### Forever Stamps

Stamps are used for various routine hospital, volunteer, bereaved family, and donor mailings.

### Charms

- 18-32mm Cross Charms (gold, silver, bronze, rose gold, antique brass)
- 18-25mm Other Charms (gold, silver, bronze, rose gold, antique brass), such as angels, angel wings, footprints, hearts, "Made With Love," "I will hold you in my heart..."
- Please no animals, insects, sports, holiday themes, or baby themed toys or gear (bottles, rocking horses, pacifiers, carriages, storks, rattles)

### Appliqués & Embellishments

- 3 cm (30 mm) minimum
- 45 mm maximum
- Hearts, bows, flowers
- Pastel or light colors only
- Please no bright/bold colors
- No plastic charms, beads, or buttons
- No animals, insects, sports, holiday themes, transportation vehicles, or baby-themed toys or gear (bottles, rocking horses, pacifiers, carriages, storks, rattles)

A material donation is considered an in-kind donation and could be eligible for a tax deduction under charitable giving as defined by the IRS (please see IRS Publication 526 - Charitable Contributions and consult with your tax professional for more information).

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EXAMPLES OF NEEDED SUPPLIES:

## Lace, Trim, & Ribbon



## Charms



## Appliqués & Embellishments



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## SHOPPING LIST

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ■ Lace                     | ■ Hobby Lobby Gift Card      |
| ■ Trim                     | ■ Michaels Gift Card         |
| ■ Ribbon                   | ■ Amazon Gift Card           |
| ■ Decorative Buttons       | ■ Office Depot/Max Gift Card |
| ■ Charms (Crosses)         | ■ Forever Stamps             |
| ■ Charms (Baby Footprints) |                              |
| ■ Charms (Angels/Wings)    |                              |
| ■ Charms (Faith/Hope/Love) |                              |
| ■ Appliqués (Flowers)      |                              |
| ■ Appliqués (Bows)         |                              |

***Items must be in new or like-new condition, preferably in original packaging.***

**Lace & Trim:** 10 mm min. (1 cm); 1 ½" - 1 ¾" max.

**Ribbon:** ¼" width or ⅜" width only

**Charms:** Cross charms 18-32 mm (¾" - 1 ¼"); other charms 18-25 mm (¾" - 1")

**Appliqués & Embellishments:** 30 mm min. (1 ¼") - 45 mm max. (1 ¾")