

# Stitch for a Cause

## Recommended Supplies

Stitch for a Cause will provide you with yarn for all charity projects and can loan tools to use at school. You will need to purchase some of your own supplies so you may continue your work at home.

### What to Buy

- **Knitting needles Sizes 8, 9, or 10, 10 inches length.** These are the best sizes for beginners to work with and they are used with worsted weight yarn. Try to avoid lengths longer than 10 or 12 inches as they are harder to manipulate. Whether you buy metal, plastic, or wood is up to your personal taste. Metal needles can be slippery and noisy, where as the others are not. Wooden needles are quiet and comfortable to use, but can break.
- **A knitting bag.** You may use whatever bag suits your taste as style, as long as it can hold your materials neatly and keep them clean and organized. You can try a small canvas bag, a small backpack, or even just a small paper shopping or gift bag.

### In a small zippered baggy, you might like to have the following:

- **A darning or yarn needle.** This is basically a big blunt end needle used for sewing yarn. You will need one for weaving in your yarn ends after every project.
- **A retractable measuring tape.** You will need a small retractable measuring tape to keep track of your progress and determine when you have reached the proper size requirements of a project (ex. an 8 inch square).
- **A crochet hook, size H or I.** Even if you only know how to knit, it is smart to have a crochet hook handy. You can use it for picking up dropped stitches and eventually for joining squares if we teach you how. Most of our blankets are joined by crochet and have a crocheted edge.
- **Large safety pins.** You can put these through dropped stitches to save them until someone can help you pick them up. You can also use them to temporarily pin squares together for blankets until they are crocheted or sewn.

### Where to Buy

Below is a list of some places where you can purchase knitting supplies. It is listed in somewhat of an order from high end to low end. You will get wonderful help and service at Sophie's, but will get little at the others and none at Walmart. Also the quality and selection of the yarn and supplies at the stores vary greatly. You will probably not find 10 inch needles at Walmart, but will definitely find them at Sophie's. On the other hand, for some supplies, like safety pins, Walmart is more than suitable. Try to take a look at all the shops at some point. You may find you'll go to one place for some things and another place for others.

- Sophie's Yarn Shoppe (owner Barb Franc-KCD Parent)
- Michael's
- Ben Franklin's Crafts
- Hancock Fabrics
- Walmart