

Go the Extra Mile!

This phrase, so common to us, has such a cool backstory. Ancient history. Biblical even. Yep, it goes back THAT far. Jesus, in speaking with the people of Israel said, "If a man in authority makes you go one mile, go with him two." (Matt. 5:41) You see, the Roman soldiers who occupied cities in Israel could, by law, force an Israelite to carry his load for a mile. (usually very heavy/ if they refused, they would be jailed or beaten) But, he also by law, could not force him to go further. To go the extra mile, meant to do what was asked of you cheerfully AND THEN do more, thereby showing great character and integrity, by going above and beyond.

So, why the history lesson?

A goof I made. We all love to sew and it shows. Our work is spot on 99.9% of the time, but there are times where we could tighten up our quality control a bit. I will share a few examples, beginning with me. I just happened to print out a copy of the lap-front pattern (mine was getting ratty), whereupon I noticed that my original sleeve pattern was smaller than it should be. (see picture) Not horrible, but also not right. This also happened with my fabric cap pattern. I am now reprinting all of the patterns I use to double check that they are to TS standard. The second picture is another thing easily fixed. That stubborn selvage edge with the maker's name running down the side. Ugh. The best way to fix is to cut it out of the fabric to begin with. A small thing, but will save time in the end. Other things are checking the whole garment at finish for loose threads, places where the stitching didn't catch both pieces of fabric, and making sure the garment/or blanket is to TS size standards. Please no buttons or glued on things. Anything that might possibly hurt a baby or they might ingest. Oh, and please, please check for pins! There should be none when it comes to us. Not only do we not want to stick ourselves when we pre-pack, but heaven forbid if we send it out and our sweet babies are "pinned".

So, thank you in advance for helping Tiny Stitches be dedicated to going the "extra mile" for our babies!



JULY NEEDS:

- *boy/girl gowns**
- *boy/girl creeper**
- *boy changing pad**
- *boy lap-front shirts**
- *girl caps**
- *girl sleepers**
- *White-only crocheted/knitted burial blankets (24"x 24")**

****What we really DON'T need for a while/ Girl bibs.** We have five bins of them. (see picture)

We gently ask you to consider switching to boy bibs for a while.

**** We also do not need knitted/crocheted hats for a while.**



ITEMS OF NOTE:

- * Frances took several machines to ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) so now we have more shelf space. YAY!**
- * We will have the next warehouse workday on Wednesday, August 14th. We will be straightening shelves and cutting fabric, so bring your scissors.**
- * Thanks to Lynda's efforts on selling donated yarn we could not use, \$275 was gifted to Tiny Stitches.**
- * We discussed and agreed to let Susan follow up on a new place (Obria) for our layettes to go.**
- * In July, we sent out 34 layettes/ 1100 items/4 burials**

CALENDAR:

July 31 (Wed) Pre-pack

Aug 5 (Mon) Business Meeting

August 14 (Wed) Workday at the warehouse

August 28 (Wed) Pre-pack

No Business Meeting in September

Sept 25 (Wed) Pre-pack

Oct 7 (Mon) Business Mtg

Oct 30 (Wed) Pre-pack

AND!!! Save the Date! Dec.11th (11-3) Christmas Party ❁

***Please Note: for the summer months we have moved the start times for pre-pack and workdays to 9:00. <-----

Pre-pack - 9:00 at Your Extra Attic/ 130 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Sugar Hill

Business Meeting - 10:15 at Atlanta Sewing Center/ 1248 Duluth Highway, Duluth

Hope you have a wonderful holiday!

Let freedom ring and those needles and machines sing!

☐ **Amy W**