



# the nest collective



## THE NEST MAKERS TOY GUIDELINES

### SAFE BABY TOYS

Suitable toys are important for development and wellbeing. We include new soft toys, taggies and rattles in our packs. We can only include toys that are safe.

We love to include excellent condition second hand, new or store bought baby toys (excluding second hand soft toys, toys with batteries or missing pieces).

### SOME HAND-CRAFTED BABY TOY IDEAS

- Taggies
- Rattles
- Soft toys, big or small
- Knitted toys – like knitted balls or blocks.

### SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Always check the designer's instructions to see if they specifically do not recommend the toy for children under a certain age.
2. Do not sew on eyes, beads, buttons or anything that can choke a small child, even if you think they can't pull it off. (So, for example, never use buttons for eyes.)

3. Always embroider details like eyes, buttons and surface decoration instead of sewing or drawing them on.
4. If you wish to use 3D plastic eyes on your toy make sure they are the safety eyes that are held on with a tight fitting washer on the back. They're difficult to get on but they're worth the effort because they won't be pulled off. These must be plastic eyes, not the old glass eyes available for the restoration of vintage toys.
5. Never use stick-on detailing of any kind.
6. Furry fabrics are not suitable, nor are toys, made of a fur stitch in either crochet or embroidery.
7. Make sure you are using a suitable filling that is also properly secured inside, so that it can't come out and potentially choke a baby. Never use anything like polystyrene balls inside a baby toy.
8. Always double or triple stitch edging very securely to make sure no filling will escape. Remember these toys will get chewed, pulled etc for months.
9. Make sure there are no small parts that could come off and choke a baby.

We ask our crafters to follow the Commerce Commission Standards. A link to these and our other guidelines can be found at [www.thenestcollective.org.nz/nestmakers](http://www.thenestcollective.org.nz/nestmakers)