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Making possum pouches

When joey possums come into care they need to be kept warm and quiet. WIRES carers are always in need of suitable pouches. The pouches are used for many different animals, some for two or three young ringtails at once, some for the brushtail joeys which are larger and some for individual ringtail joeys. This means various size pouches are useful. Many people who would like to help our wildlife but are unable to commit to rescue or care volunteering can help by making pouches and linings.

Standard Pouches-2 sizes needed

- Wool: 8 ply pure wool (unfortunately we are unable to use pouches made from synthetic materials as the joeys cannot breathe in closed synthetic pouches)
- Knitting: Pouches should be knitted in plain stitch both sides
- Needles: Size 8 needles
- Dimensions: 18 cm wide by 20 cm long when finished (after sewing together) or
24 cm wide by 30 cm long when finished (after sewing together)

Closed on the two longer sides and one end and left open at the top.

Lining

- Material: Pure cotton washable material only, flannelette is perfect
- Dimensions: 18 cm wide by 20 cm long when finished (after sewing together) or
24 cm wide by 30 cm long when finished (after sewing together)

The lining should not be attached to the pouch as it will need to be changed regularly. We generally require more linings than pouches to allow washing and regular changes. The lining should be closed on the two longer sides and one end and open at the top.

Completed pouches are always gratefully received at our Forestville office which is at 9 Cook Street, Forestville. Alternatively you can call 02 8977 3333 to find your nearest branch.

Please remember WIRES is a registered charity and relies upon the generosity of the public to continue our work. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Further information is available on request from WIRES Administrative Office
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Making macropod pouches

When juvenile kangaroo's or wallabies come into care they need to be kept warm and quiet. WIRES carers are always in need of suitable pouches. The pouches are used for many different animals, at many stages of their development. Some are required for the tiny furless joeys and some for the larger joeys. This means various size pouches are always useful. Many people who would like to help our wildlife but are unable to commit to animal rescue or care, can help by making pouches and/or linings.

Standard Pouches

Wool: 8 ply pure wool (unfortunately we are unable to use pouches made from synthetic materials)

Knitting: Pouches should be knitted in plain stitch both sides

Needles: Size 8 needles

Dimensions: 24 cm wide by 30 cm long when finished (after sewing together)

Closed on three sides and open at the top.

Lining

Material: pure cotton washable material only, flannelette is perfect

Dimensions: 24 cm wide by 30 cm long

The lining should not be attached to the pouch as it will need to be changed regularly. We generally require more linings than pouches to allow washing and regular changes. The lining should be closed on three sides and open at the top.

Other Size Pouches

Other sized pouches are also gratefully received, see our possum pouch fact sheet.

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