



Health and Safety Advice

All of our products carry health and safety advice where appropriate. Candle products are labelled on the base of the container and wax melt products are labelled on the packaging giving directions for safe use.

Crochet items have a safe use leaflet included within the packaging.

We have produced this leaflet to reiterate health and safety guidance and made it available on our website and our Facebook page for customers to view.

Crochet Products

By their nature crochet products are lacy or holey and this can cause a problem with little fingers being poked through. Some products also have chords or ties which may present a choke hazard. To ensure that our items are used safely we include safety advice on our website and Facebook pages and we also include a safety leaflet when we send out orders for baby items including booties, hats, scarves and blankets. The 4 pages of that leaflet (which is condensed into a small folded booklet) are attached at Appendix 1.

For the comfort and safety of your baby or small child we strongly advise that:

- baby booties are worn over socks to avoid toes being poked through any design holes
- baby booties and mitten are checked regularly inside for any yarn ends which may have worked loose and that these are snipped off
- babies booties, mittens and hats are removed when baby is asleep
- baby is not left unsupervised when wearing a hat, mittens or booties
- crocheted blankets are used to wrap or cover a baby on top of a cotton sheet with a dense fibre
- babies are not left unsupervised in a crocheted blanket
- ties, ribbons, laces are undone on hats, mittens and booties when baby is sleeping and that baby is not left unsupervised with a hat, booties or mittens with ties
- standard safety procedures and advice regarding overheating and swaddling babies is followed
- standard safety procedures and advice regarding leaving children and babies unsupervised is followed
- babies and small children are not allowed to chew items with buttons, fasteners or embellishments
- babies and small children are not left unsupervised with items which contain buttons, fasteners or embellishments
- buttons, fasteners and embellishments are checked regularly to ensure they are securely attached to the item

Safety Eyes

Some of our soft stuffed animal products have safety eyes fitted as standard. When we are accepting orders we ask if the item is intended for supervised use by a baby or child under 3 or if it is intended as nursery decoration and if it is then we strongly advise that eyes are embroidered on as a safer alternative.

The eyes we use are safety eyes with plastic retainers on the inside of the fabric and meet recommended standards.

Stuffed animals

We clearly state in item descriptions and on the packaging that these items are not intended to be used as toys, rather they are decorative and commemorative pieces. If handled by a child under 3 they should be supervised at all times by an adult.

Laundry Advice

Whilst Acrylic and Cotton yarns do wash well in a machine and acrylics can be tumble dried on a low heat we do recommend that for optimal outcomes all of our crocheted items are handwashed at 30°C and are flat dried.

Wax Melts and Candles

All of our candles and wax products have safety labels applied to either the product or the internal packaging. For examples of our safety stickers see Appendix 2. We use industry standard images to assist those who do not read English or who cannot read at all to beware of the main hazards candles can present.

- Always keep a burning candle within sight. Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep. Be sure the wick ember is no longer glowing
- Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire. Keep burning candles away from furniture, curtains, bedding, carpets, books, paper, flammable decorations, etc.
- Keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Trim candlewicks to ¼ inch each time before burning. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning and dripping.
- Always use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use. The holder should be heat resistant, sturdy, and large enough to contain any drips or melted wax.
- Be sure the candleholder is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface. This can help prevent heat damage to underlying surfaces and prevent glass containers from breaking.
- Keep the wax pool free of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.
- Always read and follow the manufacturer's use and safety instructions carefully. Do not burn a candle longer than the manufacturer recommends.
- Keep burning candles away from drafts, vents, ceiling fans and air currents. This will help prevent rapid, uneven burning, and avoid flame flare-ups and sooting. Drafts can also blow nearby lightweight items into the flame where they could catch fire.
- Always burn candles in a well-ventilated room. Don't burn too many candles in a small room or in a home where ventilation is limited.

- Don't burn a candle all the way down. Extinguish the flame if it comes too close to the holder or container. For a margin of safety, discontinue burning a candle when 2 inches of wax remains or ½ inch if in a container.
- Never touch or move a burning candle or container candle when the wax is liquid.
- Never use a knife or sharp object to remove wax drippings from a glass holder. It might scratch, weaken, or cause the glass to break upon subsequent use.
- Place burning candles at least three inches apart from one another. This helps ensure they don't melt one another, or create their own drafts to cause improper burning.
- Use a snuffer to extinguish a candle. It's the safest way to prevent hot wax splatters.
- Never extinguish candles with water. The water can cause the hot wax to splatter and might cause a glass container to break.
- Be very careful if using candles during a power cut. Torches and other battery-powered lights are safer sources of light during a power failure.
- Extinguish a candle if it repeatedly smokes, flickers, or the flame becomes too high. The candle isn't burning properly. Cool, trim the wick, then check for drafts before relighting.
- Never use a candle as a night light.
- Wash skin immediately if wax comes into contact with it
- Remove any added embellishments to customised candles including ribbons, stones, bows, sequins, string before lighting

Framed Items

Some of our framed items contain glass panels, take care when assembling or positioning such items. Always position out of the reach of children and when affixing to walls use appropriate tools and materials to do so.

Embellishments

Some of our papercraft items contain small embellishments such as bows, stick on gems and clips. Please note that these may present a choking hazard and as such should not be given to children under 3 years of age.

Always remove embellishments from customised candles before lighting.

Appendix 1

Crochet safety advice leaflet (not actual size)

Front cover

Inside cover

Advice For Safe Use of Your



This item is not intended for unsupervised use by a child or baby

Facing Page

Back Cover

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Appendix 2

Candle safety label

Wax melt safety label



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