



## **Call Out to Knitter's for More Trauma Teddies**

Anne Dost from Sew Gentle Era has put out a call out to the knitters to knit more Trauma Teddies.

The Trauma Teddy is distributed by the Red Cross to children in need, whether to soothe during an ambulance ride or to aid in comfort in a time of distress.

The Teddies have to be knitted to a pattern supplied by the Red Cross, which is available at Sew Gentle Era, any colour wool or Acrylic knitting yarn can be used as long as it is 8ply.

Anne Dost goes on to explain:

“I collect the Teddies in Bridgetown for sending up to Red Cross in Perth for approval, once the Teddy has passed its qualifying test, a Red Cross approved label is sewn on the front to certify the bear as a Trauma Teddy.

“It’s been an ongoing project now for around five years, at a guess I imagine I’ve sent up around a thousand Teddies.

“The Teddies eyes are knitted in the pattern and there is always a smile on the face of all the Teddies.

“The Teddies are then distributed all over Western Australia with some of the Teddies coming back to our region to supply comfort here.

“Knitters have really taken to making these Teddies, I have people knitting Trauma Teddis from as far south as Walpole and Northcliffe, North to Balingup and Greenbushes and as far east as Boyup Brook. The knitters get satisfaction knowing they are contributing to a good cause.”

The patterns are available on the Red Cross Web page or Anne will share the link with you via email.