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Introducing BernatCares.com

We're very excited to introduce the newest amazing resource from Bernat - **bernatcares.com**. BernatCares is a brand new website that unites knitters and crocheters who have a desire to contribute with local and national charities.

If you are a crafter who has never knit or crocheted for charity before, now is a great time to start. With BernatCares, it is so easy to find an organization with needs you can help meet.

If you are a crafter who already knits or crochets for charity, you will find some great new resources, free patterns and ideas on the site.

If you are a charity looking for donations of handmade items made with love, sign up and add your charity to the charity search.

No matter who you are, visit BernatCares and make a difference today.



Search for Charities in your Area



The [charity search feature](#) on **bernatcares.com** allows you to search for charities in your area, or for charities with causes or needs that resonate with you personally.

Download Free Patterns



The free [charity pattern library](#) gives you access to some of our favorite free patterns along with lots of new patterns exclusive to BernatCares.

Learn



BernatCares also offers [tips](#) for charities and for crafters. Coming soon to this section - basic knitting and crochet references!

Enjoy these free patterns to download. Head to bernatcares.com for many more great new free patterns.

Patterns for Baby



[Bernat Softee Baby - Baby Hat](#)
(crochet)



[Bernat Softee Baby - Baby Blanket](#)
(knit)

Afghan Patterns



[Bernat Super Value - Granny Afghan](#)
(crochet)



[Bernat Super Value - Mitered Blanket](#)
(knit)

Patterns for Fundraising



[Bernat Handicrafter Cotton - Market Bag](#)
(crochet)



[Bernat Super Value - Fat Cat Toy](#)
(knit)

Greetings from Bernat®



We have been working on the BernatCares website for almost a year now. During that year we have met some incredible people, generous people, with a passion for knitting or crocheting and a selfless mission to help others. We are in awe of some of the charities and the plucky people behind them - their tireless, spirited work.

It has inspired me in my own knitting and crocheting. This winter I have been making simple worsted weight scarves for the homeless and a woman's shelter here in Toronto. Simple, portable, easy patterns so I can knit & crochet on my commute to the office. I find these patterns handy because it is easy to recognize where I am within the pattern if I need to stop mid row - the subway and bus stops are not nicely spaced for row counts (though they should be!). Three of my favorites are below:



[Download these fast and easy knit and crochet scarves](#)

I hope you take the time to sign up as a BernatCares Team Member and find some time in your busy crafting schedules to knit or crochet for those less fortunate. If you have a charity that needs the help of the BernatCares Team, I strongly encourage you to register your charity at BernatCares.com and connect with knitters and crocheters in your area.

Thank You,
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