



LAYETTES

In refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world, gifts of layettes convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers.

Review the General Assembly Instructions on back before collecting items for the layettes.

Include the following items in each layette:

- Two shirts or Onesies® (or similar item)
- Two gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two washcloths
- One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap, in its original wrapping
- Two diaper pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Tips:

- Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Consider varying the sizes of the clothing items so the layette will continue to be useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- A bolt of flannel can furnish a number of receiving blankets, diapers and gowns. A square cut the width of fabric (usually 36" or 45") easily makes a blanket. Diapers can be made by using a pinking shear to cut pieces 25" X 27" (note: this is a change in size from previous guidelines).
- Use care when making blankets and diapers with flannel. It may be necessary to zigzag edges or sew a hem to prevent raveling.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

*Thorough instructions for each LWR Parish Project are available online at lwr.org/parish and in the *Be Involved* booklet, available by calling 1-800-LWR-LWR-2. Careful adherence to these guidelines keeps LWR's material resources program running smoothly and efficiently. Please follow the instructions exactly so that our distributions are consistent and fair. **Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed for each kit.** For all projects, please also follow these guidelines:*

- Sending top quality items makes a caring statement to the recipient about the giver. **Please give new items only, except where noted otherwise.**
- **Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or with your parish's name.** LWR provides material resources based on need, regardless of religious creed. Religious references could be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items most.
- **Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.** LWR and our overseas partners have access to areas of the world others do not because we are impartial humanitarian organizations. If our intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, our work, our partners and the people we assist could be endangered.