

The kids **Wool-Aid** helps

Beginning in 2010, warm woolen clothing and blankets made by Wool-Aid volunteers have been sent to children in Alaska, Canada, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Tibet, India, and Nepal.

What do these places have in common?

All of these places are extremely cold, and the people who live there have extraordinary needs and very limited resources. In most of these countries, the temperatures are often -40° in the winter—or even colder! With such harsh winters, the people often suffer from a lack of food, shelter, medical care, and clothing. And it is the children who suffer most.



Courtesy Lamia Afghan Foundation

We know that our handcrafted clothing will have a long lifespan in these communities. A wool sweater, for example, will not only keep one child warm for a winter season, but over a period of many years, it will keep several children warm.

Become part of our **Wool-Aid** community

Join us on Ravelry (www.ravelry.com/groups/wool-aid) to be a part of the conversation about what we're making for "our" kids.

Sign up for News & Updates from Wool-Aid (www.wool-aid.org/news).

How to donate

Warm woolen items can be sent to our mailing address at any time:

Wool-Aid
1381 Rocky Creek Court
Belleville, IL 62220

We appreciate your generous donations toward Wool-Aid's shipping expenses.

Checks payable to Wool-Aid, Inc. can be sent to our mailing address, or you can make a contribution via **PayPal** at our website.

Shop through **Amazon Smile**, selecting Wool-Aid as the organization you're supporting, and the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the amount of your eligible purchases to Wool-Aid. Please sign up—and spread the word to your friends and family!

Wool-Aid, Inc. is a tax-exempt charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code (EIN: 46-5580013). All gifts to Wool-Aid are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Wool-Aid



**Warming the world's children,
one by one**

Wool-Aid is a community of knitters and crocheters who create warm woolen hats, socks, sweaters, vests, mittens, and blankets for children who live in the coldest climates and have the least access to resources.

We work with organizations that put the human imperative first; that provide aid regardless of the race, creed, or nationality of the recipients; and that do not use aid to further a particular political or religious viewpoint. Priority is given to helping populations where washable items are neither required nor recommended.

We invite you to visit our website for more information about campaigns, guidelines, and donating to Wool-Aid:

www.wool-aid.org

Wool-Aid supports ...

children in Afghanistan, surviving in desperate conditions after many years of war

children within Syria, who have been displaced by the conflict in their own country

children in Nepal, living in temporary or substandard housing after the devastating earthquake

young monks in Nepal and India, often sent to the monastery by their families as a way to keep them fed

children in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, who are living in orphanages or are homeless

and **children in other communities** who are in need



Courtesy Tendhar Lugar Choeling

**In 2015, Wool-Aid sent
7,167 items to children
around the world!**

Guidelines

We use wool. Wool is warm and stays warm even when it's wet. Please use fiber that is at least 80% wool and worsted weight or heavier.

We create garments in a warm, dense woolen fabric.

We focus on children 8 to 16 years old, though items for infants through teens are very welcome.

Sweaters and vests should close securely if not a pullover style. They should have good coverage for the chest and ample length for the body and arms.

Hats and mittens should be thick and dense, with extra length on the cuffs. Please tie mittens together at the cuff.

Socks should be worsted weight or slightly heavier. (Sock yarn stranded with worsted weight yarn adds durability.) Socks should have standard heels, with the leg of the sock as long as the foot. Please tie socks together at the cuff.

Blankets follow the standard guideline of 80%+ wool. We aim for a 40" x 40" size for baby blankets and 40" x 60" for child blankets.

See additional guidelines on the Wool-Aid website, including our Sweater Dimension Guidelines with chart and illustrations.

Please avoid very light colors, and do not use acrylic or novelty yarn.

Recommended patterns

Wool-Aid Pattern Bundles are collections of patterns recommended by Wool-Aid knitters/crocheters and accessible to all (www.wool-aid.org/patterns). The Bundles include both free and paid patterns.



Hats
Socks
Sweaters
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Mittens
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