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**Description of INFANT layette baskets**

(Donation of any of these items is very welcome.)

INFANT layettes are designed to provide a basic or minimal set of clothing for a newborn baby. We use laundry baskets or storage bins to assemble and present these items because we think these are useful items for a mother to use later for many purposes. We usually coordinate the colors in pinks, blues, pale greens or yellows as appropriate. Sometimes primary colors with white are nice, too. Sizes 0-6 months are preferred but 0-12 months are most often included in the layettes. We add a card from INFANT donors.

For the most part, our layettes are given to mothers living in shelters for the homeless or in residences for expectant mothers. The agency directors see that the baskets go to mothers in serious need and these baby things are often the only new and pretty things their babies receive. When possible we try to include some handmade items, such as knitted or crocheted sweater sets, afghans, receiving blankets or quilts. We find that mothers appreciate the efforts of people to make things for their babies as a sign that all babies should be cherished.

We are grateful for your help with our baskets.

Each of our layettes contains:

Package of disposable diapers (NB or size 1)	Cotton newborn cap
Two receiving blankets	Pacifier
Fleece blanket or quilt	Set of plastic bottles with bottle brush
Afghan or light blanket	Bib
Four "onsies"	Teething ring or rattle
Four sleep/play suits	Baby lotion, shampoo or soap
Light bunting in medium size	Washcloth
Warm sleep sack	Small stuffed animal or other little toy

In addition, we like to include some or all of the following items as they are available to us:

Diaper wipes and diaper cream	Baby book
Sweater or snowsuit and warm hat	Sunscreen for infants or summer hat
Every day outfit	Hard-backed infant reading book
Baby carrier such as a Snuggly	Child care book
Diaper bag (some come free from hospitals)	Disposable camera

*Ideas for group projects:* no sewing tied-fleece blankets, bunny rabbit washcloth, package toiletries for moms, picture frames