

You will be aware that the new **General Data Protection Regulation** is now in force.

- Under the new data protection laws anyone holding data on anyone else must explain what data they hold, how and where it's stored, and how it's used
- get the other person's specific agreement to that - unless the holder has what's called a "legitimate interest" in the data, i.e. a compelling reason for holding it.

If there is "legitimate interest" your data can be held without the need to get your consent. In the case of Knit-for-Nowt, if you have donated or received any items I need to hold your name and email address because I'm required by product safety rules to be able to trace items donated back to their maker. Also I sometimes need to send essential information such as required safety features of items, or the current levels of demand. So, on a "legitimate interest" basis, your specific consent isn't required regarding my holding names and email addresses, or for sending out essential information.

Other data

But I do need your consent to continue sending you other, general information about Knit for Nowt such as newsletters and recipient feedback. Please note : **if I don't hear from you I'll be unable to send you general information in future**, (but you'll still receive any vital information eg. relating to safety or requirements for items.)

PRIVACY POLICY

- Details I hold may include name, email address and telephone number, (if you've given it to me), due to "legitimate interest."
- I may hold your home address if you are a knitter and you've given it to me, or a home or workplace address if you are a recipient of our items, if either is needed for posting, or so that we can trace items if necessary.
- I don't hold any financial information.
- I don't share any of your details with third parties or on social media without your permission.
- I don't send information by post, I don't fundraise or make any appeals for money.
- Knit for Nowt data is held on one home-based personal computer, protected by Microsoft's Defender Security software, and backed up for security on Microsoft's OneDrive 'cloud' service.

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