

## Haberdashery and Knitting items needed

### Sewing and Knitting machines

We send hundreds of sewing and knitting machines to Africa. They provide livelihoods for individual families right up to entire communities through small business projects. Your old machine should provide someone with a life transforming new start! We accept:

1. **Manual and electric sewing machines**
2. **Overlockers**
3. **Embroidery machines**
4. **Industrial sewing machines**

We also need the accessories to go with the machines such as needles, bobbins, shuttles, small oil containers, tools and instruction books.

### Sewing Kits

There is little point sending out a sewing or knitting machine without the basic supplies to use it. We aim to provide enough supplies to allow the person receiving the machine to start working and earn the income to restock the supplies. Therefore all sewing machines go with a Sewing Kit'. Each kit consists of:

A drawstring bag approx. 12"x12" filled with a selection of cottons, lace, tape, elastic, ribbon, bias binding, seam binding, braids, buttons, dressmakers' pins, zips, dressmaking scissors, Velcro, sewing needles, needle case, needle threader, safety pins, press studs, beads, sequins, bodkins, button thread, buckles, seam ripper, shirring elastic, skirt and trouser fasteners, tape measure and a thimble.

You could make up a whole kit or donate individual items for our volunteer team in Ipswich to put together.

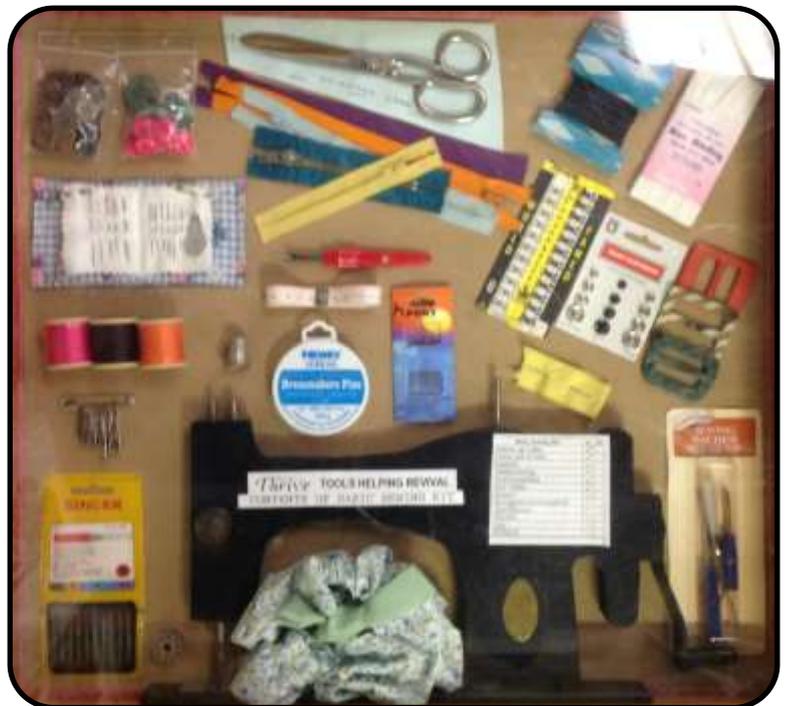
### Dressmaking/Tailoring

Materials are also sent out and we accept materials of sufficient size and quality to make an item of clothing. Patterns and instruction books are also gratefully received and go out with the materials.

### Knitting Wool

Knitting machines go out with wool and we always need cone wool as well as balls of wool. We also need wool winders, punches, punch cards for knitting machines and knitting patterns for both hand knitting and machines.

An example of a basic sewing kit



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