



## Foreward

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Who could have imagined in 2008, when the Knit-a-square website first went up with one single pattern for a striped square, that in just a few short years, the good stitchers of the world would have contributed hundreds of thousands of squares, jumpers, hats and toys to warm and comfort some of southern Africa's 2.4 million children, orphaned or made vulnerable as a result of HIV AIDS and poverty?



Who could have foreseen the passion and dedication of tens of thousands of knitters and crocheters and hundreds of schools, communities and churches from 54 countries who each month, send hundreds of parcels and packages bulging with beautifully stitched squares to be made into blankets and wrapped with love around the children?

Over the years, our team in South Africa has come to understand exactly what is required to keep the children warm in the freezing winter months in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Each day more knitters and crocheters find Knit-a-square online and, moved by the plight of the children, determine to join our remarkable KasCommunity.

So we're delighted now, to have the best and most useful patterns compiled into this, the KasPattern book.

These patterns will help guide current and future members in their stitching projects to ensure that every stitch made and sent does the best job to warm and comfort the children. This will also assist the wonderful work of our volunteers in South Africa and Zimbabwe.



While we'd all wish this was not an ongoing problem, there is no end in sight to the tragic plight of these small children who have lost so much.



So we are indebted and very grateful to Linda Maltby and Carol Playford, moderators in the Square Circle forum for their months of hard and careful work in selecting and testing the patterns and making sure that each conforms to the needs of the children.

We look forward to the fruits of their labour and yours continuing to warm the children for years to come.

Please consider supporting our work with a small, regular donation. *Private donations offset the cost of assembly and distribution, helping us to continue putting blankets on desperately needy children.*

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