



Dear State Directors, Chairman and Members of all Granges.

As Craft Manager at the New England Grange Building, once again I can't thank you all enough for your generosity. We had another great year. I would like to tell you how things went this year as far as the items that your members so generously donated

We had many requests for larger afghans and you all stepped up. We sold all of the larger sized afghans, so that is still on the list for next year.

Dishcloths for washing dishes. We are still asking for them to be all the same size. We would again like to suggest that if you are making them, the size should be approximately 8 X 8 so that we can eventually get it down to one price. The larger ones just are not selling as well.

Once again, stuffed animals were a tremendous hit this year. We had so much more donated and unbelievably they all went in the first week. So, we ask that you keep on making them. We have slowly been raising our pricing for the great quality of the work. That is why we are making much more in the craft side of the store than ever.

Baby mittens (without thumbs) and Baby Sets are still in demand, we believe that these are the staples of our baby section. Other items needed are chef hats, large shawls, scrubbies made out of the rough netting, mittens, fingerless gloves, sets of place mats, potato sacks, grain bags.

The quilted bowl cozy (for warming bowls in the microwave) were a big hit and hopefully we will get more in of those. The kitchen towels went well, we would like to have you not cut the towels in half if they are a thin material. People wanted the double ones and we are raising our prices on them to be competitive with the rest of the fair who are selling them. So a better quality is a plus for doing so.

Aprons and clothespin bags are needed as well as cotton grocery bags and Plastic bags made from Grain and bird food wrappers. We also did not have enough plastic canvas tissue box holders. The few we had flew off the tables. Our Christmas section is always a big seller. So maybe have a craft night to make some for our store would be great.

Thank you for listening and please feel free to send this out to your members. Have a great year in your Crafting.

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