

How to make a Possum or Joey Bag

Flannelette inner lining. Bottom corners only need a small amount cut off them, no specific amount, just a few cms is great.



Woollen outer. This just needs to be a rectangle shape that is shorter than the flannelette lining. No need to cut the bottom corners out of this one.



Different Sizes to Make – Small & Medium are the most common used

Small *eg Bub ringtail or feathertail glider*

Woolly/Knitted/Crocheted outer	-	23cm w x 25cm h
Flannelette inner	-	24cm w x 32cm h

Medium *eg. possum*

Woolly/Knitted/Crocheted outer	-	32cm w x 38cm h
Flannelette inner	-	33cm w x 48cm h

Large *eg. Joey* (most pillowcases usually fit well inside this size.)

Woollen	-	40cm w x 44cm h
Flannelette inner	-	41cm w x 54cm h

X-Large *eg. Larger joey*

Woollen	-	50cm w x 60cm h
Flannelette inner	-	51cm w x 72cm h

Inner linings usually require a small hem turned over at the top, enough allowance has been left for this in above sizes, while still leaving enough at the top to be able to fold the lining back over the woollen outer. The woollen outers don't require a hem at top, overlock/zigzag is enough.

All seams must be zigzagged or overlocked, and tied off, and all inner lining seams must be on the outside. No loose pieces of cotton should be left hanging as small animals can get caught in these.

Linings should only be made from flannelette sheeting, a few cottons ones are good for burned animals. We go through a lot more of the flannelette linings than outers so a larger ratio of inner flannelette liners to woollen outers is required.

For the woollen outer I use older style checked woollen blankets, but you can also use tracksuit, or polar fleece type fabric. Old electric blankets with the cord pulled out also work well. These outers are also really good knitted or crocheted too.