Thanks to some very generous local businesses, family members, and my tendency to collect yarn, the West LA chapter has a working collection of fabrics, yarn, and supplies to make Binkies and more from. However, you may find that your project requires some specific materials. I've put together a list of recommendations of companies or brands that might have what you're looking for.

Please reach out if you need something not on this list or know of a resource!

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Fleece:

By the yard:

Please note that you'll need two pieces of fleece- one for the front and one for the back. Each piece must be AT LEAST 1 ½ yards, but 2 yards is preferred for older children. This means you should buy AT LEAST 3 yards of fleece or 4 if you're making a big blanket.

- YourFleece (Generally the best prices, and they have an option to buy Remnants for a very discounted price)
- Marshall Dry Goods
- HobbyLobby
- OnlineFabricStore
- <u>PicoTextiles</u> (Prices are fairly high but they do occasionally have sales)
- Michael's (Again, fairly high prices, but there's lots of variety and sales help!)
- If you have the time and patience, LA's Fashion District will usually have the best prices and selection: LA Fashion District

Kits:

Perfect for making fleece blankets- no measuring required! Fair warning, this option is more expensive than buying fleece on your own.

- YourFleece
- Michael's (Michael's kits are actually from YourFleece! Check which site has a cheaper price)

Yarn:

By the skein:

- Premier Yarn (check out their sales and their Basix collection for better prices)
- Red Heart Super Saver (an affordable option if you need lots of worsted weight/size 4 yarn)
- Lion Brand Hometown (soft, squishy super bulky/size 6 acrylic in lots of colors)
- Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton

Michael's has a great selection of yarns- check the sale section!

Kits:

- <u>Klutz: Make your own loom animals</u> (An easy way to make mini stuffed animals)
- <u>The Woobles: Crocheted stuffed animals</u> (Learn crochet skills while creating an animal! If you're just interested in their patterns, I have some saved- no need to buy a whole kit)
- <u>Lion Brand: Blanket kits</u> (For people who are already comfortable knitting/crocheting. Get the exact amount of yarn you'll need, plus a written pattern. Fair warning, these kits are more expensive than finding yarn and a pattern separately)

General Fabrics:

- Fabric Planet (They have a bin of FREE Remnants in the store!): <u>FabricPlanet</u>
- Rediscover Center (Their fabrics are FREE, but all Remnants/scraps: call ahead to see if they have what you're looking for and if they'd be willing to part with it):
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- Sewing Arts Center: Sewing Arts Center
- Marshall Dry Goods
- OnlineFabricStore
- If you have the time and patience, LA's Fashion District will usually have the best prices and selection: <u>LA Fashion District</u>
- Check out the bedding aisle at thrift stores. You can cut up patterned sheets for quilt patches. Just make sure to wash the sheets first.

Other Supplies:

- <u>Crochet hook set</u> + <u>Individual hooks</u>: If you want a smaller commitment, buy 1 hook now & splurge later.
- Measuring & marking tools
- Seethrough ruler
- Knitting needles set + Individual needles: The set has mid-sized needles, and the individual needles are mostly larger sizes. Base what you buy on what your future project will need.
- <u>Knit Picks</u>: A higher-end brand for hooks, needles, and yarn. If you're committed to knitting/crocheting for a long while, their needle sets are lovely.
- Fabric and thread scissors
- Rotary cutter