DONATION GUIDELINES

for textile and fiber arts supplies

www.stitchbuffalo.org

Our Mission

Stitch Buffalo is a textile art center committed to *empowering* refugee and immigrant women through the sale of their handcrafted goods, *inspiring* creativity and inclusion through community education, and *stewarding* the environment through the re-use of textile supplies.

Don't have supplies to donate? Our wishlist is always open. Scan the QR code.

Donating to Second Stitch

Second Stitch is our sustainability program--we give a second life to donated textile arts supplies. We use these supplies to create products in the Refugee Women's Workshop and in our classes and kits. Any items we can't use directly in Stitch Buffalo projects are offered to the community at substantial discounts, with proceeds helping to sustain Stitch Buffalo.

We Accept

- Yarn (full skeins)
- Knitting & crochet tools
- Quilting, apparel, and home decor fabric
- Embroidery supplies
- Vintage linens
- Thread
- Fusible interfacing
- Beads
- Zippers
- Buttons
- Ribbon and trims
- Elastic
- Sewing machines (portable)
- Sewing tools, notions
- Quilt batting (in package)
- Quilting rulers and mats
- Unopened patterns
- Pillow forms, in packaging only
- Unique textiles such as batiks, mudcloth, and silks
- Denim jackets, kimonos, or saris

We Do NOT Accept

- Any items that are dirty, stained, damp, or have an odor (cigarette, mildew).
- Small fabric scraps or remnants (anything less than 18"x22")
- Shoes
- Hangers
- Purses and other accessories
- General craft supplies
- Magazines and books
- Used patterns
- Clothing (other than denim jackets, kimonos, saris)
- Bedding
- Curtains
- Towels
- Used pillow forms or foam
- Sewing machines in tables or cabinets
- Stained items
- Loose or scrap batting/fiberfill

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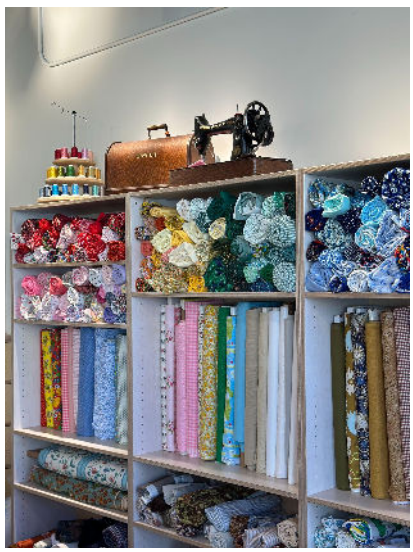
Each Year, We Collect Over 15,000 lbs of Donated Materials

When you drop off your donations, our Second Stitch team weighs and then sorts your supplies for use in our programs. Items are first considered for use by artisans in the Refugee Women's Workshop. We then decide if we can use your supplies for our community education classes, or for resale within the Second Stitch retail space.

How Do I Make My Donation?

1. **Review our list of accepted items**. Please do not include items we do not currently accept.
2. **Sort your supplies by type.** This helps volunteers efficiently sort donations.
3. **For donations of 2 boxes/bags or less**, drop off items during Wednesday walk-in hours from 10am to 6pm.
4. **For larger donations**, make an appointment with our Second Stitch Manager by phone at (716) 370-0079 or email at whitneyc@stitchbuffalo.org.



Our donation program is made possible because of a dedicated team of volunteers. We appreciate you following the parameters we've laid out for preparing your donations. It greatly helps our operation run smoothly and efficiently.

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