

## **New Zealand's official gift to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their first child**

### **Creative Fibre**

The people of Creative Fibre proposed the two-part gift, which was adopted as the official New Zealand gift to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Creative Fibre is a New Zealand organisation that promotes and supports fibre crafts. It brings together spinners, weavers, knitters, dyers, flax workers, felters, crocheters, free-form fibre artists and all other people involved in the use of fibre.

### **The shawl**

The shawl was designed by Margaret Stove, a New Zealand craft artist specialising in ultra fine merino hand spinning and lace knitting design. The shawl is the "Filmy Fern" design, which has a distinct New Zealand flavour.

The shawl was made by Cynthia Read, an award-winning New Zealand spinner and knitter. She hand spun the New Zealand merino wool, and knitted the lace design, in consultation with Margaret Stove.

### **The singlets**

Creative Fibre invited their members to knit singlets to be gifted to new parents at the local maternity unit or neonatal unit of their choice, to mark the birth of the new Royal baby. This nationwide knitting project will continue throughout the year. Members of the public who would like to participate should contact Creative Fibre directly at their website:  
[www.creativefibre.org.nz](http://www.creativefibre.org.nz)

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