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LINCS & NOTTS YARN BOMB CHALLENGE – CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

We are so excited that you wish to take up your knitting needles and join us in creating the largest knitted and crocheted extravaganza ever seen in Lincs and Notts, in celebration of our 30th year.

Taking part is as easy as knit one, purl one – just follow these simple steps

- Cast off all your cares and cast on your creativity! Cover the town yellow as you and your fellow knitters create a cornucopia of colour.
- First decide where you are going to yarn bomb. Statues, trees, park benches, fencing, railings are all possibilities but please do consider access and the logistics of placing your work once complete. Make sure you do not obstruct signage, especially parking and traffic signs.
- Do get permission from the relevant authorities. It is always best to check before installation as in certain areas, yarn bombing is considered to be graffiti and therefore illegal. By notifying them of your intentions, you may find they may help with the installation of your creation.
- Please also check if you need relevant health and safety and public liability cover. It's easy and relatively inexpensive to get and many authorities will require that you have cover before granting permission to install your yarn bomb.
- Once you have established what is being yarn bombed it is a good idea to measure the object. As a rule, make things slightly smaller than the object you are covering to ensure a snug fit.
- Try and include as many helicopters as you can in your creation.
- You can create any design you wish as long as your air ambulances are yellow, have black rotor blades and black feet. But the sky's the limit in your choice of decorations and additional elements. Could you add a paramedic or doctor in red suit? Or a pilot in a black suite stood by the helicopter waiting for the crew to return? Is there a patient waiting to be lifted into the helicopter? Has one of our critical care cars also attended the scene? So, let your imagination run wild.



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- The helicopter knitting (by kind permission of Amanda Berry) and crochet pattern are attached. Or you may have your own helicopter pattern you wish to use.
- Try and use acrylic yarn, it dries quicker than cotton or wool.
- When your yarn bomb is in place, on your advised date (see below), take a photo and send to knitting@ambucopter.org.uk stating where your topper can be found.
- If able, print off the tag and attach to your creation.
- Post an image on your social media and help spread the word of where it can be seen.
- Get social and share your creation with others. Post your image on these dedicated social media sites:
 - [Post Box Toppers and Yarnbombing](#)
 - [UK Post Box Toppers & More](#)
 - [Random Acts of Crochet Kindness](#)
 - [Yarn Bombing UK, knitting and crochet](#)
 - [Yarn Bombers](#)

Please try and have your yarn bomb created and in situ by w/c 3rd June, ready for launch 8th June 2024. We are looking to create a wave of helicopters, post box toppers and yarn bombs across Lincs & Notts so if able to have in place by this date, that would be amazing.

Happy knitting, thank you for your support!

Save the date – Air Ambulance Week takes place on 9th - 16th September. A week where communities across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire can celebrate through knitting the wonderful work of Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and display their wonderful woolly creations.