

JOEY POUCH MAKING GUIDELINES



Hundreds of marsupial joeys come into the care of Wildlife Victoria volunteers every year. All joeys; including possums, wombats, wallabies, koalas and kangaroos need to be kept warm and quiet. Wildlife carers and volunteers are always in need of suitable pouches to help the animals feel safe and secure. Below are some instructions on how to make joey pouches for our precious wildlife.

Please Note: The measurements in this document are approximates. We need a variety of sizes for a variety of animals, so feel free to make them smaller or larger.



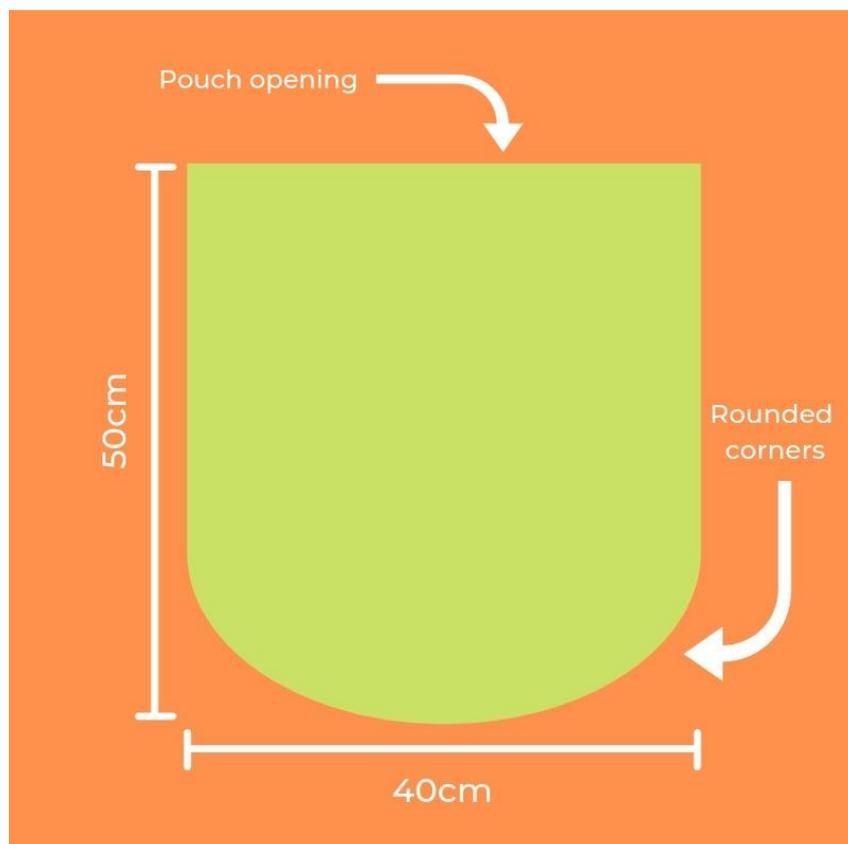
Pouches and Liners



Wildlife Victoria carers will need lots of pouch liners as they are changed and washed regularly to ensure the joey is clean and comfortable. The lining pouch should be closed on three sides, have rounded corners and open at the top. Liners are essentially large pockets that can be placed inside a pouch that can be easily removed for cleaning. They can come in a range of sizes just as the pouches and animals. If you are making the liners and pouches it is preferred that the liners are slightly taller so the top can be rolled back over the pouch edges.

All sizes are needed for the varied species vary and joeys keep growing! Below is a template for larger joeys such as wombats.

Material: Pure cotton washable material only, flannelette is a great material to use. Polar fleece is also widely used.



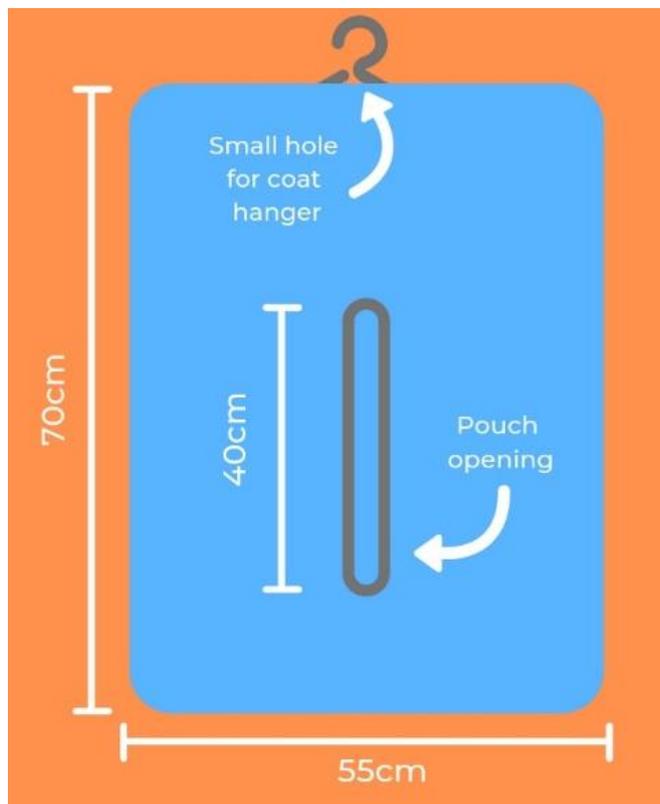
Large Hanging Pouches



To hang on a coat hanger

Hanging pouches make the perfect home for orphaned joeys as they are able to have the familiar suspended security of being in mum's pouch. Generally the larger the better as multiple joeys may be in one hanging pouch.

Material: Blankets, polar fleece or old electric blankets



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