



Merino Beanies for our Early Friends

Baby Melinke was born at just 26 weeks with very little to no chance of survival. She weighed a meagre 570g and her little wrists were so tiny that they could

not

touch the sides of her father's wedding ring. It

was

through this experience that the Prinsloo's, a prominent wool family in South Africa had the idea of using wool in ICU, and from there the donation of these beanies.



Melinke Prinsloo on day 3



Proud Parents, Jaco and Elouise Prinsloo

Wool's many wonderful properties have found numerous applications in the medical industry and can also benefit premature babies by assisting them with their biggest challenges, thermal regulation. In wool circles it is well known that wool keeps the body warm when it needs to be warm and cool when it needs to be cool. In addition to this amazing benefit wool naturally contains lanolin which is both antimicrobial and antibacterial. These factors not only aid baby by keeping germs at bay but it also means that wool requires less washing.

Cape Wools have therefore very specially developed a Merino wool beanie with babies comfort in mind. The beanie was designed to fit snugly over baby's head without irritating the baby's skin, is machine washable and requires little special care.

The beanies will be added to the complimentary baby bag which is distributed by Mediclinic to mothers on arrival of their precious babies.



Melinke Prinsloo – 2 years old



We would like mothers to grow their love and passion for wool through their experience and to see our early friends benefit from this natural fibre from their earliest of days.

Loving Grandparents, Harry and Adre Prinsloo



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