

# Guild Challenge for **TheMourningProject.com**

[TheMourningProject.com](http://TheMourningProject.com) is a huge community fiber art project to gather 23,000 pairs of handmade black, white, and gray baby booties. Together, these 'little elegies' will become part of an art installation to draw attention to the problem of infant mortality in the United States. We need 225 panels with 100 pairs of booties sewn onto each. The panels will create a 38' image to illustrate the enormity of this problem. There are 5,000 pairs of booties already gathered. *The US has the worst infant mortality rate in the developed world and loses 23,000 baby each year.* After the exhibitions, wearable booties will be donated to charities.



*We need your guild's help to create booties and attach them to mesh panels.* Make your booties from any pattern with any embellishment, just make them in colors (black/white/gray) according to your panel's pattern. Booties are a fun, scrappy project and take little time to make. They can be knit, sewn, crocheted, or felted. **Request your panel pattern from [mary@maryvanecke.com](mailto:mary@maryvanecke.com), and your guild participation will be posted on the website.**

**Send panels by April 1 to be a part of the spring exhibition at the March of Dimes March for Babies in Phoenix.** Thank you for rising to meet the challenge.

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