

# **Soft Toys** 2023 - 2024

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## 2023, the year that Global Affairs starts using organic cotton (GOTS Certified) and applies for B-Corp membership

For many years we create a cheerful and handmade collection of colourful toys, accessories and lifestyle products which brings joy and happiness. Even though we already try to produce as sustainable and fair and reduce our imprint where ever possible, we also realise that by importing goods from far away countries we always leave behind a footprint by just doing what we do. That's why we are very happy to announce that we really made big steps in becoming a B-Corp certified fairtrade and sustainable company. We are in the process of applying for a B-Corp membership by the end of the year, and we upgraded our OEKO-TEX certified cotton products to organic GOTS- and OEKO TEX certified products.

We are proud to present you our catalogue with lots of happy and cheerful products, and we hope that you will enjoy exploring our world full of colours and fair produced items. If you are interested in a pricelist, feel free to contact us. For the online version of the catalogue, please visit our website: www.globalaffairs.nl.

We develop, create, produce and import our own Global Affairs collection with love. But did you know we also create special items for third parties? Don't hesitate to contact us if you are interested in custom designed products or a whole custom collection of products. We look forward to chatting about the possibilities.

Warm wishes, Team Global Affairs



New item



Sale item



rattle inside



music inside



beep inside



organic cotton





not suitable for under 3 years old



Shades and colours can vary from batch to batch. However, this always stays within our margins and a product will never leave the workplace without our approval.

#### Safety & information

All our items meet the European safety standards. Accessories are no toys, and not suitable for children under 3 years. Products which require testing are tested on EN 71-1-3 by international testing agencies.

EN-71 part 1	Mechanical and physical properties
EN-71 part 2	Flammability of toys
EN-71 part 3	Migration of certain elements
	All our fabrics are tested and recognized
	as AZO free. This means all our fabrics are
	non-toxic and safe for little children.

All the cotton we use is certified GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) and certified OEKO-TEX

#### Please note that:

This catalogue is for reference only. The actual colours and fabrics of the products may differ slightly from the items displayed in the catalogue.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Global Affairs designs and manufactures with love products for children: the future generation. For us it is of great importance to run our business in a socially responsible way, so we can contribute to a future that is green and peaceful.

In the entire production process - from design and production to delivery - the aim of Global Affairs is to work with respect for People, Planet & Profit. All steps and processes (national and international) must be monitored, to gain a clear overview of all effects and risks. Based upon this, responsible decisions can be made.

To monitor our entire supply chain even better, Global Affairs is in the process to become a B-Corp member. We started a partnership with Rainbow Collection (rainbowcollection.nl) and with the help of IMVO (IMVO is part of MVO, mvonederland.nl) we created our impact strategy and sustainable purchasing policy. We hope to obtain the B-Corp certificate by the end of the year 2023. The goal is still to embed sustainable impact throughout the entire chain and to involve the right people/ partners who will execute this strategy. Step-by-step, the actual 'doing' is the most important part.

#### Materials

During design and production, we are continually on the lookout for more sustainable materials to be used for our products. For example, all our soft toys are filled with recycled material, our felt is recycled and from July 2023 onwards all the cotton we use is certified GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) and certified OEKO-TEX.

#### Packaging

Packaging is used as little as possible. Individual packaging has been skipped, products are wrapped in recycled material per set for transport and storage. For labels and packaging mostly FSC-paper is used.

#### **Suppliers**

Our suppliers are based in China, India and Peru. They are small companies with mostly female employees. We can proudly say that we have had a very good and pleasant relationship with them for years and we visited them annually (pre Covid). All our suppliers have signed our 'Code of conduct', they are affiliated with SEDEX/Amfori and undergo annual audits. In the process of obtaining the B-Corp certificate our suppliers will be monitored profoundly on a yearly basis.

#### Certificates B Corp

B Corp Certification is holistic, not exclusively focused on a single social or environmental issue; the assessment that companies complete to become a B-Corp consists of 5 pillars: the employees, the environment, the community, the customers and governance.

Certified B Corporations, or B Corps, are companies verified by B Lab to meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability.

#### FSC - The Forest Stewardship Council

Products and packaging carrying this label guarantee that the materials come from sustainably managed forest, that animals and plants are protected and that the people employed by the industry work under favourable social and economic conditions.

#### **GOTS – General Organic Textile Standard**

GOTS is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibres, including ecological and social criteria, backed up by independent certification of the entire textile supply chain. GOTS certified final products may include fibre products, yarns, and fabrics.

#### OEKO-TEX

Oeko-Tex is a label for textile products that are sustainably produced and have been tested for harmful substances according to the Oeko-Tex criteria.

#### SEDEX/AMFORI

Sedex and Amfori are membership organisations that provide online platforms for companies to manage and improve working conditions in global supply chains. They provide practical tools, as monitoring activities for factories and certification and strategies to help companies improve their responsible and sustainable business practices, and source responsibly.

#### **MVO** Nederland

MVO Nederland is the movement for entrepreneurs in the New Economy. The New Economy is one that is future-proof, because only in this economy entrepreneurs can continue to act as entrepreneurs. The New Economy is climate-neutral, circular, inclusive and with fair supply chains.

#### Update goals set for 2023

We are proud to announce that a number of targets set for 2023 have already been achieved:

- All the cotton we use is now both GOTSand OEKO TEX certified.
- All our product packaging is made of FSC certified paper

We started to work to become a B Corp member. Our goal is to finalize the application before the end of 2023.

#### Goals for 2024

In 2024, our goal is to actually be certified as a B Corp member.

By becoming a B Corp we will carry out a yearly risk analysis of all suppliers, including an overview of improvements and determine an optimal sustainable purchasing policy.



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M0123 Crochet Music Box Heart Ecru
 M0124 Crochet Music Box Heart Blue

3. C0265 Crochet Rattle Heart Assorted



 CO235 Crochet Pacifier Cord Sea Animals Assorted
 M0120 Crochet Music Box Fish Yellow  M0121 Crochet Music Box Crab Coral
 M0122 Crochet Music Box Turtle Misty Blue







1. **C0267** Crochet Balls with Beep Assorted



The rattles (except the balls) come in a cotton gift bag

- 1. C0266 Crochet Dumbbell Rattle Assorted
- 2. C0254 Crochet Rattles Mini Assorted
- 3. C0225 Crochet Ball Faded Green Blue
- 4. **C0226** Crochet Ball Faded Pink
- 5. CO227 Crochet Ball Faded Coral
- 6. CO228 Crochet Ball Faded Ocre



2. C0241 Crochet Rattles Airplane Assorted





1. C0255 Crochet Maracas Rattle Pastel 2. C0256 Crochet Maracas Rattle Rainbow

C0811 Crochet Long Ear Bunny Pastel
 C0812 Crochet Long Ear Bunny Rainbow

# ART COLLECTION



# ART DOLLS



These rattles and dolls come in a cotton gift bag

1. CM601 Crochet Rattles Kusama Mushroom

2. CM006 Crochet Yayoi Kusama



- 1. CM002 Crochet Rembrandt van Rijn
- 2. CM003 Crochet Vermeer Milkmaid
- 3. CM004 Crochet Frida Kahlo
- 4. CM005 Crochet Doll Farah
- CM001 Crochet Vincent van Gogh
  CM102 Woolfelt Keyring Vincent



C0423 Knitted Angels Assorted

## KNITTED DOLLS





The knitted dolls come in a cotton gift bag

- C0406 Knitted Giraffe Ron in Space
  C0410 Knitted Laine the Lioness
- 3. C0412 Knitted Zoe the Koala
- 4. CO418 Knitted Mouse Pippa

- C0420 Knitted Hippo Harry
  C0421 Knitted Girl Elisa
  C0422 Knitted Mermaid Sophy
  C0414 Knitted Sheep Dolly



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