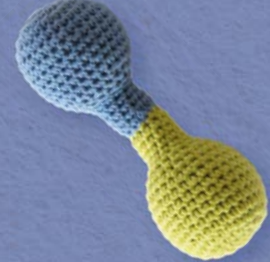




Soft Toys  
2023 - 2024



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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](http://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



your attention  
please



not suitable for  
under 3 years old



## PRODUCT INFORMATION

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  
AZO free 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](https://rainbowcollection.nl)) and with the help of IMVO (IMVO is part of MVO, [mvonederland.nl](https://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 GOTS- and 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.





SWEET & SOFT

HAND  
MADE

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



Rattles come in a cotton giftbag

1. **C0260** Crochet Rattles Nature Assorted

2. **C0261** Crochet Rattle Mouse Assorted





1



10m<sup>+</sup>

11cm



2



3



11cm



Rattles come in a cotton giftbag

1. **M0123** Crochet Music Box Heart Ecrú
2. **M0124** Crochet Music Box Heart Blue

3. **C0265** Crochet Rattle Heart Assorted





1



2



3



7cm



4

Pacifier cords come in a cotton giftbag

- 1. **C0235** Crochet Pacifier Cord Sea Animals Assorted
- 2. **M0120** Crochet Music Box Fish Yellow

- 3. **M0121** Crochet Music Box Crab Coral
- 4. **M0122** Crochet Music Box Turtle Misty Blue



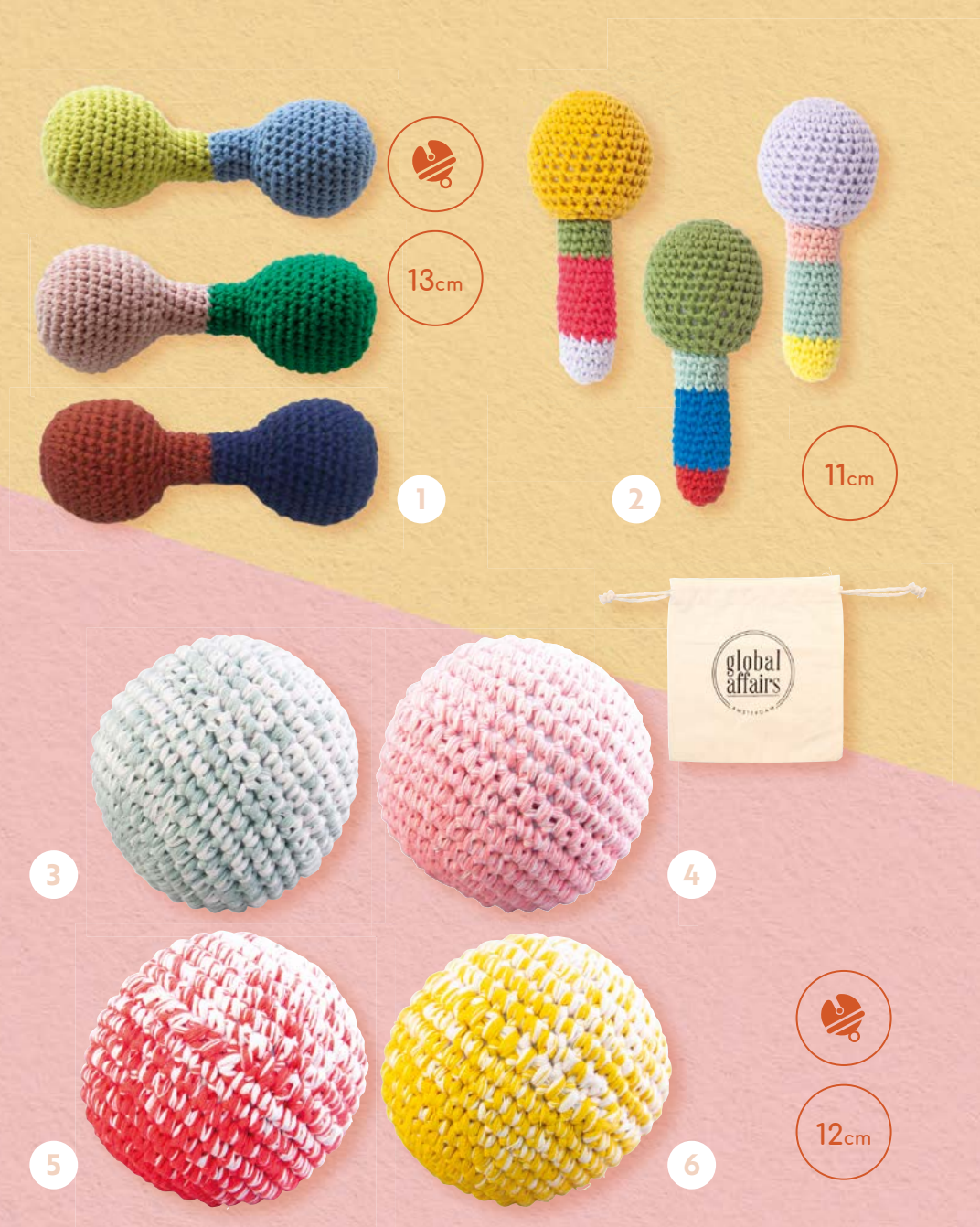




**BEEP** 12cm



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



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

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|--|--|
| 1. <b>C0266</b> Crochet Dumbbell Rattle Assorted | 4. <b>C0226</b> Crochet Ball Faded Pink  |
| 2. <b>C0254</b> Crochet Rattles Mini Assorted    | 5. <b>C0227</b> Crochet Ball Faded Coral |
| 3. <b>C0225</b> Crochet Ball Faded Green Blue    | 6. <b>C0228</b> Crochet Ball Faded Ocre  |





13cm



13cm

2



9-12cm

3



The rattles come in a cotton gift bag

1. **C0234** Crochet Animal Rattles Jungle Assorted
2. **C0241** Crochet Rattles Airplane Assorted

3. **C0253** Crochet Rattles Fruit Assorted







Rattles and dolls come in a cotton gift bag.

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

3. **C0811** Crochet Long Ear Bunny Pastel
4. **C0812** Crochet Long Ear Bunny Rainbow





11cm



1



27cm



2



3

These rattles and dolls come in a cotton gift bag

1. **C0252** Crochet Rattles Woodland Assorted 3. **C0807** Crochet Doll Woodland Deer  
2. **C0806** Crochet Doll Woodland Hedgehog



ART COLLECTION





## ART DOLLS

11cm



1



2



30cm



These rattles and dolls come in a cotton gift bag

1. **CM601** Crochet Rattles Kusama Mushroom
2. **CM006** Crochet Yayoi Kusama



1



2

30cm



3



4



5



6

The knitted dolls come in a cotton gift bag

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





The knitted dolls come in a cotton gift bag

**C0423** Knitted Angels Assorted



**KNITTED DOLLS**





36cm



The knitted dolls come in a cotton gift bag

- |                 |                              |                 |                       |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. <b>C0406</b> | Knitted Giraffe Ron in Space | 5. <b>C0420</b> | Knitted Hippo Harry   |
| 2. <b>C0410</b> | Knitted Laine the Lioness    | 6. <b>C0421</b> | Knitted Girl Elisa    |
| 3. <b>C0412</b> | Knitted Zoe the Koala        | 7. <b>C0422</b> | Knitted Mermaid Sophy |
| 4. <b>C0418</b> | Knitted Mouse Pippa          | 8. <b>C0414</b> | Knitted Sheep Dolly   |





## ABOUT US

Global Affairs was founded in 1998 and has grown to be a colourful gift and lifestyle brand with the aim of colouring the world – with a rich collection made in an honest, fair and sustainable way.

### Global Affairs collection

Soft toys, (hair) accessories, pins, party items, bags; we produce a wide range of colourful musthaves. All our products have been designed by us with love in Amsterdam, the majority of our products are made by hand and they are produced in a fair way.

During the design process we always think about ways to use better, more sustainable materials and techniques. We are continually on the lookout for more planet friendly solutions to use in our products and packaging.

### Where are our products made?

We have been working with most of our suppliers since the very start. We are proud to maintain a good and transparent working relationship with them, always working with mutual respect.

We choose to work with small certified suppliers and visit them on a regular base to see the working process and meet the makers – this personal contact is very important to us and results in a valuable, respectful collaboration.

The thing we always keep in mind during production is maintaining respect for: people, planet & profit.



Check out our  
accessories  
catalogue!



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©Dille & Kamille



©TATE Britain



## CUSTOM MADE

We enjoy designing our own collection, but we enjoy creating special items for other parties just as much. Some of our partners are international museums like The Rijksmuseum, The Van Gogh Museum, RMNGP and TATE Britain.

We also develop products for large retail stores, such as Dille & Kamille ([www.dille-kamille.nl](http://www.dille-kamille.nl)). This is a sustainable Dutch retail chain (41 stores). For them we developed part of their children's collection.

This year we also started nice collaborations with Amnesty International ([www.amnesty.nl](http://www.amnesty.nl)) and Naturalis Biodiversity Center ([www.naturalis.nl](http://www.naturalis.nl)).

There are many ways to work together. If you think one of our products could be part of your own collection, but you would like a personalized packaging with your name and logo, everything is possible. We can work with your design files or we can develop a packaging for you.

We can guide the whole process from the drawing board to the final product.





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