

Community Service Projects 2009

Since I have been in our guild, the members have been required to make 3 lap quilts or other items such as hats, bibs or walker bags each year. This year we decided to not require the project. This does not mean that we will not be doing projects, instead, we want the items to be made because you WANT to make them, not because you NEED to make them.

We will be doing projects for 3 needs in our community. This means that you can choose which type of project you would like to work on.

1. Children – This project will be to make quilts for Sallie House, a temporary shelter for children. They give the children a bag containing a stuffed animal and other small items. It will be nice to have a quilt in the bags also. This quilt could be lap quilt size which is about 36 inches by 48 inches.

If you wish, your quilts for children can also be donated to the Linus project.

2. Teens This is our main project for the year. We will be to making twin size quilts for teenagers who will be "ageing out" of the foster care system. Wouldn't it be nice to help them out by giving them a quilt so they have something to start their new life with? Something that lets them know that they are not forgotten! There are currently 40 young people of this age. They are about half and half boys and girls.

The size we'd like can be from 60-66" wide and 80-86" long. You may donate a quilt that is already finished or join in with donating scraps to make a very simple quilt. Please see the February newsletter for more details.

3. Elderly We will continue to make lap quilts for those in nursing homes. A good size is 30 inches by 40 inches. Batting is not necessary. Put flannel on the back.

Beside these 3 projects we also make Holiday stockings for those service people in Iraq and Afghanistan. We also make pillowcases. That usually happens in July.

You are encouraged to get together in small groups and work on any of these projects. You may make any pattern of quilt you wish.. Also, if you have twin tops or twin quilts that you do not need, I will take them. I have been giving out a pattern for a twin size quilt called the crayon box pattern. We need people to donate scraps, other fabric, sew together the blocks, pin together, quilt, bind, etc. If you can not do that, you may wish to donate money for the batting.

To make this quilt, I need 2 ½ inch strips. These can be any size but should be at least 4 ½ inches long. I also would like 10 ½ inch squares that can be put together for the backing. As you go through your scraps, cut some of these sizes for the project. This is good if you have fabric less than ½ yard long, but if you have bigger pieces to donate, they can be used for borders, binding, etc.

Thanks to those who have already donated. We have 6 finished quilts already done.
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