



Charity Quilt Guidelines

Fabric

- The club has donated fabric available for charity quilts and prepared Charity Quilt Kits.
- If you use your own fabric and pattern to make a charity quilt top, we ask that you please follow these guidelines:
 - Make sure the finished quilt top meets the Quilt Size Guidelines listed below.
 - Use 100% cotton quilting weight fabric, flannel or metallic fabric. Please DO NOT use religious themed fabric.
 - Use any color, design or combination of fabrics but please choose prints and colors appropriate for the intended age group and gender of the recipient.

Quilt Size Guidelines

- Wellspring Quilts should be approximately 50" x 60" or slightly larger. Big enough to cover an adult without being cumbersome.
- Help and Hope Center accepts:
 - Family Quilts approximately 60" x 72"
 - Children's Quilts approximately 42" x 60"
 - Baby/Toddler Quilts approximately 36" x 52".

Sewing the Quilt Top

- Use any type of thread but please DO NOT use invisible thread to sew the quilt top together.
- Sew an accurate 1/4 inch seam throughout the quilt.
- Complete the quilt top as directed in the pattern.
 - Ensure all seams fit together before adding sashing or borders.
 - Check inner quilt seams to make sure they are secure and there are no holes in the seams and no loosely sewn threads holding seams together. If seams on the outer edges are coming apart or the fabric is raveling or has stretched, it may be necessary to stitch 1/8 inch around the quilt top so that it can be loaded on the longarm without coming apart.

Quilting

- The club has donated backing fabric, low loft 80/20 batting and volunteers that will machine quilt charity quilts.

- If a longarm volunteer is quilting your finished quilt top and you're providing backing fabric, please ensure the backing is at least 4" larger than the quilt top on all sides.
- If a longarm volunteer is quilting your finished quilt top, we ask that you please follow these guidelines before turning your quilt top over to be machine quilted:
 - Measure the quilt top to make sure it meets the Quilt Size Guidelines listed above. If it's too small, please add sashing or a border before turning it in to be machine quilted.
 - Trim loose threads from the front and back.
 - Press the front and back of the quilt top to make sure seams lay flat.
 - Square up your quilt top so that it will fit the backing fabric.
- **If the Longarm volunteer is unable to load or quilt your finished quilt top they may contact you to make any corrections. Please contact a Charity Quilt Committee member for any help.**
- If you machine quilt your own charity quilt top, we ask that you please follow these guidelines:
 - Contact the Charity Quilt Committee if you need batting and backing fabric or you can use batting and backing fabric you have available.
 - Measure the quilt top to make sure it meets the Quilt Size Guidelines listed above. If it's too small, please add sashing or a border before quilting.
 - Try to quilt fairly dense to ensure the quilt lasts over time.
 - DO NOT tie charity quilts.

Binding

- The club has donated fabric for binding and volunteers that will apply binding to charity quilts.
- If you bind your own charity quilt, we ask that you please follow these guidelines:
 - Contact the Charity Quilt Committee if you need binding fabric or you can use binding fabric you have available.
 - Please use a straight cut or bias cut double fold binding.
 - Apply the binding by machine or hand stitch using thread that matches the binding fabric and quilt top.
 - DO NOT fold backing over to form a binding.
 - DO NOT use a serged finish in place of a double fold binding.

Quilt Labels

- The club has prepared CRQC Quilt Labels and volunteers that will attach a label to the quilt before turning it over to a charity.
- If you are unable to complete the charity quilt top, please contact the Charity Quilt Committee for help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS BY MAKING A CHARITY QUILT!!