



# Episcopal Church Women's Quilt Project

Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Dear Quilters,

We give thanks to all the dedicated quilters who have made beautiful quilts and blankets for children. There is a need for SMALL baby sized quilts (36" by 36") at this time.

Our Mission: To provide love and comfort to children who are in need, ill, abused or homeless.

**Calling all:**

**Quilt makers:** who can make blankets to serve children in need.

**Educators:** who would like to use quilt making in the classroom as service projects and to connect children to the need of others.

## GUIDELINES for making quilts and afghans:

**Size:** Minimum of 36" by 36" and no larger than a twin-size bed.

### Quilts:

- ♥ **Design:** Prints or panels, patchwork, appliqué, or any creative pattern. If using fabric markers or paint, make sure they are indelible. No Puff Paint as it comes off. No buttons, or anything that could be swallowed or chewed.
- ♥ **Fabric:** 100% cotton or 50/50 cotton/polyester are best, but no knits.
- ♥ **Filling:** Bonded polyester batting (light or medium weight), or bonded cotton.
- ♥ **Construction:** Use at least ¼" seams for piecing quilts. When appliquéing sew down all pieces.
- ♥ **Quilt/Tie:** Quilt by hand or machine. If tying with embroidery floss, make sure to use square knots and tie in enough places to secure backing to quilt. Please don't use yarn. Top stitch around outside of quilt, 1" - 2" in from edge.
- ♥ **Durability:** Durability is important as the quilts are washed frequently. When you are finished ask is it safe? No pins or extra threads, is it secure: all seams intact?
- ♥ Please attach a card with your names and address so that we may thank you for your quilts
- ♥ In the lower left hand corner with indelible in please print: Love and Comfort from (your first name only) WM Episcopal Church Women.

### Afghans

- ♥ Use washable, worsted weight yarn
- Quilts and Afghans are ingathered once a year in the fall at the Diocesan Convention. Watch for the dates.
- Where do the Quilts go? To a variety of facilities around our diocese serving the needs of children: Shriners Hospital for Children, Bay State Medical Center and other homeless and battered women's facilities.

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