

Peace River Quilters' Guild, Inc Community Quilt Guidelines

Each guild member is expected to make at least 1 community quilt per year. These quilts are then donated by the guild to various charities, including Baker Head Start Program, Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans' Home, For the Love of Kids, Charlotte County Police Department, Charlotte County Friends of the Library, etc. We are also asked at times for donations to charities of quilts they auction as a fundraiser.

General guidelines to help you get started:

- 1. We have lots of fabric for you to use free of charge for making your community quilts. It will be put out at most meetings except when there is a program scheduled. We also supply batting and labels. The fabric has been donated by members and shops. You may donate anytime you want to clear out your stash.
- If you use your own fabric, please use 100% cotton for comfort and ease of care. You will not be reimbursed for using your own fabric, batting, etc. Cotton flannel is <u>NOT</u> acceptable for community quilts.
- 3. <u>Do Not</u> use invisible thread. These quilts are for kids and the elderly and invisible threads can be a danger and also doesn't hold up to commercial laundering.
- 4. Please attach a 4"x 6" BLANK label to the back of your community quilt. The guild has labels made for you or you may make your own. It should be a solid, light colored fabric. This allows us to stamp it with the guilds' name and leaves room for the recipients' name. Do not write anything on the label including your name. Do not date your quilt.
- 5. Your quilt needs to be at least 36x45 inches. This size is kid and wheelchair friendly, and the batting is cut to accommodate this size. Batting is cut 45x51 inches.
- 6. Your quilts should be fairly densely quilted to stand up to lots of "love" and commercial laundering. Please do not tie your quilt.
- 7. Double check your quilt before turning it in. Make sure there are no loose threads for little fingers to get tangled in and no pins anywhere. You may turn in your quilt at the Community Quilt fabric table at meetings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thanks for helping us make a difference, one quilt at a time.

- Your Community Quilt Committee Chairs