

March 2nd GENERAL MEETING

Comfort Quilt Construction Session begins at 4:00 pm. A meal of sub sandwiches along with chips, desserts and beverages will be provided. We will be layering/sewing/cutting/tying. The demand for these charity quilts always exceeds our supply. Please come to the March meeting and share your skills, your willing hands can create warm comfort for many. We NEED YOU.

There will be several steps in our quilt assembly line so plan ahead and bring the equipment you need. There will be work available for all stations but I especially NEED MACHINES to get our layered quilts into the assembly process.

PRESSING Press tops and backing fabric.

LAYERING Layer batting, backing and tops; pin together quilt 'sandwiches' for the machine sewers **bring scissors.**

MACHINES machine sewers you have several jobs **bring machine, extension cords, threads, presser feet, etc**

it is helpful to have an even feed foot (walking foot)

~sew around the edge of the top on quilt 'sandwiches' leaving an opening to turn

~top-stitch edge of quilt after it is turned. Pin or press if needed, to keep quilt flat making sure neither the top nor the back rolls over the edge.

~you *may* quilt the item after top-stitching making sure all layers are smooth and evenly distributed (or pass off quilt to be tied)

TRIM & TURN bring scissors OR mat/cutter/ruler AND hand stitching supplies

~ trim extra fabric from edges and corners of the stitched quilt 'sandwiches'

- ~ turn the quilt right side out
- ~ Smooth quilt and manipulate the edge seam so quilt lies flat with clean edge

- ~ neatly blind stitch the opening closed before passing the quilt on for top-stitching

TYING bring trimming snips, heavy needles and thimble

- ~ smooth the top-stitched quilt and adjust fullness, pin layers if necessary to insure a flat quilt, tie the quilt
- ~ trim any loose threads from quilt.

Return the completed tops you have been preparing. It is very helpful to have the top pressed and trimmed of loose threads; strip quilts should be neatly trimmed into the largest rectangle possible. Also return the baggie with any extra squares.

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