

Bay Area Modern Quilting Community Quilt Guides

Community Quilting is one pillar that brings our guild together. Just as Modern quilting tends to be free-form, so is our approach to making the world a kinder place through quilts and sewing projects.

Who Receives Our Quilts

We celebrate all forms and recipients. Which organizations the creations go to vary from year-to-year by the contacts of the Community Quilt Committee and any guild members who suggests and takes on responsibility to maintain the connections and make deliveries to said organization - we welcome new connectors!. Historical donations have been to:

- NICU units at hospitals
- Assisted living, nursing and dementia centers
- Military veterans organization
- Foster youth
- Days for Girls (sanitary pads in developing countries)
- Disaster Response
- Pet Shelters (cat beds)
- Direct Donations - please share quilts & such that you do on your own for other organizations at Show & Tell even if the Committee is not distributing them. Others may be interested in knowing about your organization and its needs.

What Roles Can Members Play?

Take on as much or as little as you are able:

- Whole quilts
- Sew blocks - we have some fabrics and patterns OR donate your orphan blocks
- Cut pieces requested by the committee
- Tops only - take blocks from our collections and be creative and or destash from your own fabric
- Quilt a sandwiched quilt
- Bind a quilt
- Participate in a project at Sew Day

*** If you are still quarantining but would like to participate we can arrange to bring pieces and pick them up.

Recommended Best Practices for Donated Quilts

- It doesn't have to be fancy but don't donate anything that you would not consider giving to a family member or friend. Again, it takes the time of committee members to find a cause for whom it would be appropriate.
- Please clip/hide loose threads, committee members already have a lot on their plates. Repair any tears or open seams
- Cotton please, most recipients will not be aware of fabric differences and how to care for them. You can use minky/similar on a small quilt back if you quilt the sandwich yourself.
- Invisible thread is discouraged, especially for quilts going to children
- Double check whole quilts that there are no pins or needles inside
- Washing is NOT necessary as those who distribute make themselves responsible but... if you have pets that shed, use your judgment if the hair seems excessive.

What Size Quilts or Tops? *Except for Wheelchair lap quilts & NICU quilts, suggested sizes are approximate*

- NICU Quilts 36"-39" sq
- Wheelchair lap quilts 36" sq with corners clipped at 45 degree angle at 24" in
- Lap quilts 36" - 48" oblong OK.
- Fidget Quilts 24" sq

Quilts for beds or warmth are better if they are oblong to fit body length or wrap around shoulders. Kids grow quickly but still love their quilts. Suggested sizes are approximate:

Toddler - 36 X 48

Youth - 48 X 60

Teens and adults - 54 X 72 or larger (for tall and large teens/adults)

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