

WOW Service Quilts

To facilitate our creating and donating service quilts and other attractive and useful fabric articles to the community, WOW receives a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. WOW uses the proceeds from the grant, the quilt show boutique, and the monthly meetings to support the activities of the guild. In addition to bringing caring, comfort, and cheer to people, WOW service quilts offer guild members opportunities to

- Use their fabric scraps
- Practice their quilting skills
- Explore new patterns
- Make use of orphan blocks
- Let their creative talents shine

Guild members can also choose to contribute completed quilt tops to the WOW service project. (Please, no unwanted yardage unless it's big enough for backing or fabric scraps or leftover batting.) Below are suggestions for creating the types of quilts and other fabric articles the members of the guild are delighted to make and to give to various community groups. The sizes listed below are approximate. Really, any will be appreciated.

Pillowcases

Pillow cases that coordinate with quilts and personal pillowcases to cover institutional pillows are treasured.

Suggestion: The following Web Site offers patterns:
[Http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/free-patterns/](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/free-patterns/)

Placemats

Volunteer drivers for Meal on Wheels delight in bringing placemat surprises with their clients' meals on wheels. They know who will appreciate the gift of a placemat.

Suggestion: Any color or theme. Placemats are especially needed at holiday times. Make one or make many. All will be appreciated. Placemat size: 16 x 12 inches more or less. Avoid using high-loft batting for placemats. Start with an orphan block. Add simple quilting or try a new quilting pattern.

Memorial quilts

Parents who have lost an infant may want to choose a small memorial quilt made by loving hands.

Suggestion: Any theme, any color scheme will be appreciated. Size: 18 x 24 inches. Use small pieces for piecing or try your hand at appliqued motifs. Make these quilts with careful attention to accurate piecing and stitching.

Nap and Lap quilts

Hospice patients appreciate having a comforting quilt, and they like to personalize their bed with a quilt. Families can keep their loved-one's quilt in remembrance.

Suggestion: Any pattern or color scheme is fine. Quilt sizes 54 x 72 to 60 x 80 will comfort people who need a bit of warmth.

Wheelchair quilts

Wheelchair patients like quilts that cover their laps and legs and won't get tangled in their wheelchairs.

Suggestion: Make colorful and warm quilts with non-slippery backing fabric and low-loft batting. Size 36 X 45 will cover people well.

Baby Quilts

WOW members are skilled at making baby quilts, which go to women with crisis pregnancies and mothers with substance issues.

Suggestion: Size 36 x 36 or 30 x 40 for cuddling and 45 x 60 for the crib.

Twin Size Quilts

A halfway house for prisoners reentering society and a recovery center for young adults would like Twin size quilts. Coordinating pillowcases are a nice addition. The recipients take the quilts with them when they move to their homes in the community. Perfection is not required.

Suggestion: Choose a pattern with big blocks and big-stitch quilting. Take on the challenge of quilting a twin-size quilt on a domestic sewing machine. Twin size quilts are 64 x 86 and larger.

Please tell us about community groups who would appreciate having quilts for their clients

—The 2014 WOW Service Quilt committee