



Cuddle Comfort

Create cuddly small pillows or lap blankets as welcome gifts for pediatric patients, senior citizens, homeless shelters and emergency rooms. All blankets and pillows can be delivered to a location of your choice from the list below or a similar organization; *please contact the organization before making any deliveries*. A letter from your Troop leader or Adult Volunteer should be included with all drop-offs. (See attached example.)

*If you know of other locations that accept blankets or pillows, please email [Ashley Christensen](mailto:Ashley.Christensen) to add to this list.

Included in this document:

1. Locations for drop-off based on nearest Gathering Place
2. Letter from troop to organization
3. Directions for Fringed No-Sew Fleece Pillow
4. Directions for No-Sew Fleece Blanket

Locations near the Chicago Gathering Place

Franciscan Outreach Association Shelter

2715 W. Harrison
Chicago, IL
(773) 265-6683

Deborah's Place

2822 W. Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL
Contact: Laurie
(773) 638-6579

The Boulevard

3456 W. Franklin Blvd
Chicago, IL
(773) 533-6013

No need to call ahead. They are ready for donations at any time.

Inner Voice

212 W VanBuren, Suite 300
Chicago, IL
(773) 921-5290

Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital

2160 S. First Ave
Maywood, IL
(708) 216 3161

Check out ProjectLinus.org for multiple locations in Cook County.

Locations near the Vernon Hills Gathering Place

Maristella (Women & Children)

Call Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm
745 N. Milwaukee Ave
Libertyville, IL
(847) 367-5360

Shelter Inc.

120 W Eastman Street
Arlington Heights, IL
(847) 590 6188 ext 22

Heartland Hospice

2100 Sanders Rd #100
Northbrook, IL

Contact: Leslie Dwyer
leslie.dwyer@hcr-manorcare.com
(847) 272-7338

She asked if the girls would take pictures of their troop with their creations to send with to brighten the patients' days.

Check out ProjectLinus.org for multiple locations in Lake County.

Locations near the Joliet Gathering Place

Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children

Call Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
81 N. Ottawa St.
Joliet, IL
(815) 723-5262
Dial 3 for donations

Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center

333 N. Madison St.
Joliet, IL
(815) 773-7046

Presence Villa Franciscan (Nursing Home)

210 N. Springfield Ave
Joliet, IL
(815) 553-1208

Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County

421 Doris Ave
Joliet, IL
Contact: Danette Krieger
dkrieger@willcountyillinois.com
(815) 727-8711

American Red Cross

1293 Windham Pkwy
Romeoville, IL 60446
(800) 733-2767

Check out ProjectLinus.org for multiple locations in Will County.

Locations near the Camp Greene Wood, Woodridge Gathering Place

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

433 S Carlton Ave.
Wheaton, IL
Contact: John Dixon
(630) 871-8387 ext.617

DuPage Care Center

400 N. County Farm Rd
Wheaton, IL
Contact: Barb Kolton
(630) 784-4260

Naperville Area Humane Society

1620 W. Diehl Rd
Naperville, IL
(Blankets Only)
(630) 420-8989

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

3815 Highland Ave
Downers Grove, IL
Volunteer Office can be reached at:
(630) 275-1181

Central DuPage Hospital

Child Life Department
25 N. Winfield Rd.
Winfield, IL
Contact Dora at (630) 933-4734

Sharing Connections

Call Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
5111 Chase Ave
Downers Grove, IL
(630) 971-0565

AMITA Health Medical Center

120 N. Oak St.
Hinsdale, IL
Contact: Debbie Plica
(630) 856-4000

Edward Hospital

801 S. Washington St.
Naperville, IL
Contact: Pam Briggs
(Blankets only)
(630) 527-3222

Phil's Friends

1350 Lake St.
Roselle, IL
(Blankets only)
(224) 653-8315

Warm Wishes

1044 Congress Dr.
Bartlett, IL
(Blankets only)
(630) 881-4906

Locations near the Homewood Gathering Place

**ManorCare Health Services of
Homewood**

940 Maple Ave
Homewood, IL
(Lap blankets only)
(708) 799-0244

Restoration Ministries, Inc.

253 E 159th St.
Harvey, IL
(708) 333-3370

South Suburban Family Shelter

18137 S. Harwood Ave
Homewood, IL
(708) 794-2140 or
(708) 798-7737

St. James Franciscan Health

1423 Chicago Rd
Chicago Heights, IL
Contact: Karen Yates
Karen.yates@franciscanalliance.org
(Baby and lap blankets only)
(708) 756-1000 x51234

JourneyCare

9550 Bormet Dr., Suite 104
Mokena, IL
(708) 283-8150

Providence Hospice

18601 N. Creek Dr.
Tinley Park, IL
(708) 864-4294

Locations near the Merrillville Gathering Place

Humane Society Calumet Area

421 45th St.
Munster, IN
(219) 922-3811

For a list of all of their supply needs and to
schedule a donation, please visit:

<http://www.hscalumet.org/wishlist.asp>

Providence Hospice

8929 Broadway
Merrillville, IN
(708) 864-4294

St. Jude House

12490 Marshall St.
Crown Point, IN
(219) 662-7066

Cancer Resource Center

926 Ridge Rd.
Munster, IN
(219) 836-3349

Girl Scouts “Cuddle Comfort” Service Project

Directions: Please attach a photo below or a note from your troop.

Please accept this donation from...

Troop # _____

City _____

Troop Leader _____

Address _____

Date of photograph _____



Fringed No-Sew Fleece Pillow

Materials:

- 12" square pillow form (or pillow stuffing)
- 2 pieces of outerwear fleece to measure 10" larger than pillow form (ex: 12" pillow = 22" fabric) *Note:* All fabric must be washed in dye-free, perfume-free detergent prior to making into pillows.
- *Optional:* rotary cutter, mat, June Tailor Shape Cut ruler

Directions:

1. Lay squares wrong sides together, matching raw edges.
2. Cut fringe 5" deep, 1" wide, on each side.
 - *Optional:* Use rotary cutter, mat, and Shape Cut ruler.
 - *Note:* You will be removing a 5 " square from EACH corner!
3. Tie fringe together by taking a strip of fringe from each side and tying an overhand knot. Complete around 3 sides.
4. Insert pillow form or pillow stuffing in the opening. Complete by tying the fourth side of the pillow.

No-Sew Fleece Blankets

Supplies Needed:

- A pair of good scissors (If your scissors are dull, it will take a lot longer to complete!) OR rotary cutter and mat
- Ruler or tape measure
- Two coordinating pieces of any fleece (39" x 60" is a suggestion, but these can also be lap blankets – think pillow case size)

Remember:

- You need two separate pieces of fabric for the blanket; one will be the front, one will be the back. You can choose two coordinating fabrics or the same fabric. The choice is yours!



Directions:

- Cut off rough selvage edge on both sides. (This is the side that is machine finished, not cut.) Trim only as much as necessary, usually not more than 2 inches on each side. At this point, make sure that your cut sides are relatively straight. (They don't have to be perfect!) Do this on each piece of fabric.
- Lay your fleece wrong sides together, with edges matching up. (Oftentimes with fleece, it's hard to tell which side is the wrong side and it often doesn't matter which side you use as the front or back.) **Some people choose at this point to pin the layers together; this is a personal preference.
- Cut a 4x4" square (or 5x5" square for a longer fringe) out of each corner (through both layers of fleece) and discard. If you want your fringe longer (not recommended for a baby or toddler), make your square bigger. It really does help to cut out your square from each corner before proceeding.
- Cut 4" (or 5") into fleece at 1" intervals around all four sides. Tie overhand knot close to blanket edge by using one strip from the front and one strip from the back to create finished fringe edge - then tie again. Repeat around all four sides. Make sure you make two tight, overhand knots for your fringe. This should hold it together through washer and dryer cycles.

Notes:

- To help make your strips approximately the same width (again, it doesn't have to be perfect), you can use a tape measure across the top of your four inch section so that you not only make your cuts about 1" apart but also only four (or five!) inches deep.
- To make the tying look more even, tie every other one, all the way around the blanket, then flip the blanket over to the back and tie the rest. That way neither side is really the front or the back!
- Experiment with the way you tie the knots for different looks. You can make the knot show in either fabric as well as the fringe in either fabric.
- The nature of fleece makes two of the sides stretchy. Don't fear! Just be gentle when tying those sides (the selvage sides) so that your fringe isn't stretched out of shape!
- Blanket will not lay flat if fringe is tied too tight.