



Emanuel Lutheran Mission Sewing

History

We are grateful for our Mission Sewing group which originated in 1978, their talent and generosity touch so many lives. Whether they are gifting quilts to those in need, honoring milestones and celebrations, or providing beautiful gifts for purchase, their impact is felt throughout our church and community. Since 2013, these dedicated members have shared over 250 prayer shawls and over 110 baptismal blankets. They select fabric, cut pieces, layout patterns, piece and pin them together, put together layers, and sew on binding.

Purpose

Quilts - Our quilts bring comfort near and far, supporting our church graduates, global relief through the Orphan Grain Train, and local charity raffles and benefits. Our quilts are for sale, we sell them for weddings, baby showers, ect.

Prayer Shawls - We crochet our prayer shawls to offer spiritual comfort, healing, and peace to someone going through a difficult time. Often Pastor takes them with him on visits.

Baptismal Blankets - We crocet baptismal blankets and give them to families when their child is baptised. Wrapping them in faith and love as they join our church family and begin their spiritual life.

Schedule

If you'd like to join this wonderful ministry, we meet in the church basement (elevator available) on the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

You can complete several steps at home or at church before our monthly meeting. Please find an explanation of our quilt-making process on the back of this brochure.

Step-by-step guide for making a quilt, organized from preparation to final binding.

Please note steps that may be completed at home are marked with a scissor. ✂

Preparation and Cutting ✂

1. **Iron the material** to remove all wrinkles and creases.
2. **Cut 7-inch squares** (or your preferred size) from the ironed fabric.

Design and Top Assembly ✂

3. **Design the quilt top** by laying out the fabric squares on a tabletop in an appealing arrangement.
4. **Assemble squares into numbered rows** to ensure they stay in the correct order for sewing.
5. **Sew the squares together** row by row to complete the quilt top according to your design.
6. **Press the quilt top** with an iron, remove loose threads, and trim any extra thread ends.
7. **Measure the completed top** and place it on a hanger with a size label.

Layering and Framing

8. **Measure out the quilt backing and batting** to match the quilt top. Ensure the batting and backing are slightly larger than the top to allow for binding.
9. **Pin the quilt backing** to the quilt frame right side facing down, securing it one corner at a time with C-clamps.
10. **Lay the batting** smoothly on top of the backing.
11. **Secure the quilt top** to the batting, making sure the batting reaches the very edge of the quilt top.
12. **Pin all three layers together** to the frame, ensuring the backing extends at least 2 inches beyond the quilt top on all edges.

Tying the Quilt

13. **Tie the squares** at equal distances apart, checking that all corners are securely knotted.
14. **Trim all tie threads** to exactly 1 inch in length.
15. **Clear away loose threads** by removing and trimming any final remaining threads from the quilt top.

Binding and Finishing

16. **Trim the batting** so it is perfectly flush with the edges of the quilt top.
17. **Trim the backing** so it extends exactly 2 inches beyond the edges of the quilt top and batting.
18. **Fold the backing over** the edges to create a binding that is ½ inch wide or less and pin it in place. Fold and pin the sides first, followed by the top and bottom.
19. **Sew the binding** down securely to finish the quilt. ✂



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