

Fabric Marker QUILT SQUARES

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You will need:

1. Muslin or other 100% cotton fabric (White or beige-100% cotton; preferably with a higher thread count than the cheapest fabric)
2. Fabric Markers (Crayola Fabric Markers work best. Some Walmart's, Jo-Ann's, Michael's and other craft stores carry them. You can also order them in quantity from Discount School Supply.) Depending on the age of the children/adults making the squares, you can use the thicker markers and/or thin pencil line markers. Just be sure they are FABRIC Markers.
3. Iron & ironing board
4. Scissors or rotary cutters and a cutting board
5. Your creativity (or coloring books, stencils, cookie cutters for ideas).
6. Paper to cover tables.

Directions:

1. Wash fabric using mild soap, before cutting. Do not use fabric softener or dryer sheets. Iron well to smooth out wrinkles - do not use starch or a wrinkle relaxer.
2. Cut fabric into squares 8" by 8" or larger up to 12" x 12". (one yard of 45" fabric will make approx. 12 - 10" squares)
3. Use your imagination to 'color' or 'draw on the fabric squares. With fabric markers a lighter pressure will help to stop "bleeding" into outlining areas. Regular markers will bleed and wash out when blanket is washed, so use fabric markers only.
 - You can draw your own picture, trace around your hand, trace a picture, etc.
 - If using a color book picture. Tape it to a window. Then tape your square (fabric side out) over the picture and trace the picture onto your square with either a pencil or fabric marker.
 - Keeping your picture a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in from the edge of the fabric. A puppy dog's nose could be missing inside a seam allowance.
 - Pictures should be bright and colorful. Fill in as much color as you can.

- If you want, you can sign your first name (only). Do not say get well or such, as these will be sewn into quilts going to children who aren't all ill, but going thru some type of trauma.
- If your group wants to do a "theme" for your pictures that is great and these make pretty quilts - like rainbows, suns, flowers, animals, trees/nature, etc.
- Please remember to be 'politically' respectful. No pictures of weapons, gambling, alcohol, smoking, negative cartoons and no religious symbols - thanks!!

At this point your picture could be turned into Project Linus for use in a colorful quilt. If you would like to donate backing, fabric or batting, Project Linus can always use it to finish the blanket.

If you would like to make a "label" for the back of the quilt, you can do so using muslin (about 3" x 5"). Write your group/organization name, an event name (optional) and a date. You can also decorate it with a flower or something.

Please see the website for drop off locations. Be sure to put the squares, neatly stacked in a bag with Project Linus noted on the outside. Put your group's name and # of squares on the inside.

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