

LAP ROBES, BLANKETS, QUILTS For Veterans' Hospital, Hampton, Virginia

Finished size: 26 x 30"

Fabric: WASHABLE cotton, cotton-poly, flannelette, fleece, cotton jersey knit, soft denim, soft-textured upholstery, etc.

Finished items should be of reasonably good weight. Not too thick and heavy. Think a comfortable throw for use in a wheelchair. It serves as a source of warmth, cleanliness (a crumb-catcher), prevents items from sliding between legs, down side of chair, etc.

Simply sew 2 layers of fabric together, turn and top-stitch; tie with yarn or colored thread. For fleece, serge edge or crochet decorative edge. Quilters, here's a chance to experiment with smaller projects. The 2 layers of fabric can be reversible mix/match – flannelette/cotton, or denim/jersey, etc. Avoid slick, shiny finishes that might slide off a lap.

While we think of vets as mostly men, there are women service members in the hospital too, so while we encourage "manly" prints, an occasional floral, pastel, or 'girlie' print is OK.

We are told that colors reminiscent of blood (some reds) bring up bad memories, so if in doubt, choose another color.