

DIY : TIE BLANKETS

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

Make tie blankets and donate them to patients at a Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, etc.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN DO THIS PROJECT? - 8-15

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

This can be done at anyone's house, or any space with enough room for multiple people to make the blankets. Maximize space by using multiple rooms at the same time.

BEST TIME/SEASON TO DO THE PROJECT

Any time!

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

This will serve patients at Children's Hospitals or those served by a social service, by providing them a blanket to use and encourage them with fun, colorful, or even themed blankets (sports, music, cartoons, etc.).

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Scissors (if available, fabric scissors make cutting easiest)
- 2 pieces of same-sized fabric (recommended 4 ft. x 5 ft.)
 - Fleece or flannel work well!
- Face masks and disposable gloves

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Call the organization to which your group plans on donating and ask if they would accept the blankets and if they have any requirements for them (size, fabric, delivery process, etc.).
2. Determine the number of blankets you are going to make. Your group can decide to donate to a certain floor of the hospital and find out how many patients are there.
3. Gather the materials and begin making the blankets. You might want to wear masks and gloves to prevent the spread of germs!

4. Match fabrics: Line up two pieces of fabric against each other. Make sure to have desired sides of materials facing outward and undesired sides lay against each other.
5. Cut corners: Cut out 3 x 3-inch squares from each corner of the blanket's fabric.
Note: This prevents fabric from bunching.
6. Create fringe: Begin by cutting 3-inch long strips of fabric every 1-1.5 inches apart along one side of the blanket.
7. Tie together: Once you have cut the length of one side of the blanket, begin to tie each fringe into a double-knot along the length of the blanket.
8. Repeat: Continue with steps 3 and 4 on each side of the blanket until all four sides of the blanket have been tied together.
9. Once they are all made, designate members of the group to help take blankets over, depending on the number of blankets being delivered.

