

# CHARITY QUILTING

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## CHARITY SEWING ON YOUR OWN

If you're an individual member or not associated with a guild, there are still great ways to get involved with your community through sewing and quilting. Starting and leading a successful project can be made easier by thinking about a few things:

- What are you passionate about?
- Who do you want to help?
- Why do you want to sew?
- Is there an immediate need in your community (for example, following a fire)
- Is this a long-term or short-term project (do you foresee making multiple items or just donating once)
- Do you want to do it by yourself, or find others to help?

It's also important to make sure your items are needed by the organization or recipient(s) you have in mind--an animal shelter might not need 200 blankets, but could use small beds instead.... If you want to make blankets, be flexible in finding an organization that can really benefit from them.

Once you've found something you want to get started with, even if you're not a part of a guild, there are still ways to get others involved in your project. Online communities like Facebook, Flickr and Instagram are great places to look for and find help. A simple post asking if anyone else is interested in sewing for xyz charity or cause is all it takes to get started. Social media is also a great place for crowdsourcing for suggestions or questions. Momentum is a great driving force in getting work done. Tap into any local resources you might have, quilt shops might be interested in donating some supplies or work space.

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