

SEW for VETERANS

A FREE workshop!

Saturday June 13, 2015 9 am – 3:30 pm, GVCC

The “Sew for Veterans” project was inspired by learning about the “Pinning Ceremony” at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care (VNHC), in which a veteran in Hospice Care is honored and thanked for their military service and given a red, white and blue quilt. Read about the pinning ceremony and VNHC in our January 2015 newsletter, and see photos on this website under Community Quilts.

The “*Sew for Veterans*” project is focused on making red, white and blue quilts for these veterans. All sizes of quilts are welcomed and useful, from wheelchair size (36” x 45”) to twin bed. Most quilts are lap and nap-sized. All the quilts from this project will go to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care veterans.

There will be many ways to participate during the workshop:

Bring your machine and sew. There will be blocks to make, blocks to assemble into quilts, completed quilt tops to quilt, and binding to stitch onto finished quilts.

Sew by hand. In addition to finishing the bindings, we will need to have our labels attached to each completed quilt.

Design team. Arrange completed blocks, make design decisions on sashing/no sashing, select the borders to complete the quilt top.

Supply Sergeant(s). Keep our stash in order while helping people select materials.

There are many other ways to help us prepare for the workshop. Check the workshop and preparation list for details.

PLAN TO BE PART OF THE “SEW for VETERANS” TEAM!

If we all contribute, each deserving veteran
can be warmed and honored with a quilt!

Questions? Call or email Carol Barringer (contact info in the directory)

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Workshop and Preparation Details

Workshop Supply list:

- Sewing machine and related supplies
- Hand sewing supplies
- Rulers, cutting mats and rotary cutters
- Marking pens/pencils

Help us prepare for the workshop! There are so many ways to help:

- Make and donate a red, white* and blue block, 12 ½" x 12 ½" or 6 ½" x 6 ½"
- Make and donate half-square triangle blocks, either blue/white* or red/white*, 6 ½" x 6 ½"
- Make and donate string-pieced blocks in red, white* and blue, 6 ½" x 6 ½"

Donate fabric!

This is your chance to clear your red, white and blue scrap bins! Prints for string-piecing don't need to be "patriotic," just mainly red, white or blue. We need fabrics for blocks and borders, tonal** red, white* and blue fabrics for sashing and borders, and fabrics suitable for binding and backing the quilts. Go through your scrap bins, short lengths and strip collections.

We need squares of red, white or blue fabric:

- 12 ½" x 12 ½"; 8" x 8"; 7 ¼" x 7 ¼", and 6 ½" x 6 ½". These can be patriotic prints, small prints or tonal fabrics.
- 2 ½" strips for sashing, binding, and piecing
- 1", 1 ¼" and 1 ½" strips, in any length for string-piecing
- Square-ish leftover chunks can be cut diagonally for string-piecing corners!

* **"White"** means plain solid white, any off-white (tending more toward "cream" than "tan"), white-on-white/off-white prints of any kind, whites/off-whites with small prints that "read" as white.

** **"Tonal"** means mottled, marbled, or tone-on-tone prints; we can also use solids. These are essential "rest the eye" components that unite the quilts' focal elements.

Other ways to help:

Quilting the completed quilt tops is essential!! Long-arm, domestic sewing machine, and hand quilting all welcomed! Also needed: binding and a label to complete each quilt.

Get your satellite group involved! Have everyone make a block and donate them, or make them into a completed quilt top.

Encourage your friends to participate, even if they are not Guild members – maybe they will not only help with our project but become members too!