

Would you like to help
BLANKETS FOR CANADA?

You can...

- knit, crochet or quilt for us
- join squares together to create blankets
- tell us about organizations that care for those who need blankets
- donate NEW worsted-weight acrylic yarn
- donate cash (it takes approx. \$25 to make one blanket)
- volunteer your time



BLANKETS FOR CANADA

SOCIETY

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LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

In the _____ area,
please contact _____
or drop off completed squares at:

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Please recycle this pamphlet— or better still, pass it on to someone you know in an organization that cares for those without shelter, or in need of warmth.

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FOR CANADA
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*How do we help keep
Canadians warm on the cold
winter nights ...
and some summer
ones, too?*

www.blankets4canada.ca
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One square at a time - that's how!

The secret is to knit or crochet an 8" x 8" (20 cm) square. When these squares are sewn together, 6 squares wide by 8 squares long (just 48 squares!), you have a blanket 48" x 64" (120 cm x 160 cm) and you'll be helping "Warm Canadians!"

The finished blankets are then distributed, **free of charge**, to organizations working in the community and caring for those who are "in need of shelter or warmth". Some examples of recipient organizations include homeless shelters, women and children's safe houses and emergency services.

BLANKETS FOR CANADA was established in the fall of 1998. Many communities across Canada have benefited.

We are women, men and children of all ages who knit, crochet, quilt and weave to help those 'in need of shelter and warmth' in their local area.

BASIC KNITTING AND CROCHETING PATTERNS AND MATERIALS

- New 4-ply worsted-weight acrylic yarn
- 4mm knitting needles or 5mm crochet hook
- Gauge: 5 st = 1 inch (2.5 cm)

TO MAKE A SQUARE:

- Cast on 40 stitches and knit 8" x 8"

OR ...

- Knit on the diagonal in the classic 'dishcloth' pattern until the piece is 8" x 8"

TO MAKE A STRIP:

A strip can be 8" or 10" wide (or however wide you want to make it) and 64" long.

TO MAKE A BLANKET:

Knit or crochet a blanket that is at least 48" x 64" .

TO MAKE A 'COMFORT PACK':

Leave a slit in the middle of the blanket large enough to fit over a large head. If you add a 'pocket' made of squares at that point, this can then be used as a hood, (the whole thing becomes a coat), or folded in to create a pillow to sit on.

Remember ...

you can use any stitch you like - in fact, this is a good way to try out new stitches, as long as the finished squares are approximately 8" x 8".

We gratefully accept gently used, purchased or quilted blankets, as well.

Here are some basic stitch ideas if you prefer to 'keep it simple':

~ KNITTERS ~

Basic Garter Stitch

Knit every row until piece measures 8" by 8".

Basic Stockinette Stitch

Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: Purl all stitches.

Repeat rows until piece measures 8" by 8".

~ CROCHETERS ~

Basic Single Crochet

Chain 30 for foundation chain.

Row 1: Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 and turn.

Row 2: Work under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 8" by 8".

Basic Double Crochet

Chain 27 for the foundation chain.

Row 1: Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain of the foundation row. Chain 2 and turn.

Row 2: Double crochet in each stitch across the row. Chain 2 and turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 8" by 8".