

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO PARTICIPATE.....

- knit or crochet squares for us
- join squares together to create blankets
- donate NEW worsted-weight acrylic yarn
- Become an Associate Member for only \$20.00 a year, tax receipted
- donate cash (it takes approx. \$50 to make one blanket)
- tell us about organizations that care for those who need blankets



## Drop off Places:

Michaels Craft Stores  
Most Locations in Alberta.

Find us on Facebook ~ Blankets for  
Canada.

Send us a message and we will  
connect with you. We love our  
Members, Volunteers and Donors.



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# BLANKETS FOR CANADA SOCIETY INC.

**Providing warmth  
to those in need,  
one square at a  
time.**



**Serving Canada for  
25 Years**

## HOW IT WORKS.....

Knit or crochet squares that are 10"x10" or 8"x8". It takes 48 squares to make a blanket. When these squares are sewn together, you have a blanket, approximate size 50"x70", and you'll be helping those without shelter or in need or warmth.

The finished blankets are then distributed, free of charge, to those who are in need of shelter and warmth. Some examples of recipient agencies would include homeless shelters, women and children's safe houses, and other emergency services.

Making a blanket is fun and it is a great way to use your scrap yarn/fabric lying around your home. Squares can be made of many colors which makes for a beautiful original blanket.

**We don't make  
mistakes, we  
make  
ORIGINALS**

## THE BASICS FOR BLANKETS

### Suggested Materials

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

Squares can be made using any stitch you like - in fact, this is a good way to try out new stitches.

### KNITTING A SQUARE

Cast on as many stitches to obtain gauge with the needles you are using. Knit every row until the square measures 10"x10" or 8"x8".

### CROCHETING A SQUARE

Chain as many stitches to obtain gauge  
Row 1: single crochet in 2nd chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 & turn. Row 2: work under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. chain 1 & turn. Repeat row 2 until piece measures what you want.



## ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Blankets for Canada was established in the fall of 1998 and was granted charity standing in October of 1999.

Blankets for Canada is a non-profit, non-denominational organization devoted entirely to creating blankets for those who need comfort and warmth. As a registered non profit society we depend entirely on donations.

Businesses and individuals support comes in many forms such as donations of yarn/fabric, space for meetings and storage or transportation of the blankets to receiving agencies.

Our members knit by hand and machine; crochet and quilt blankets to help warm their fellow Canadians. People of all ages, cultures and gender give generously of their time and talents with the society recording over 20,000 or more volunteer hours each month. In the last 25 years we have distributed over 110,000 blankets across Canada to those in need of warmth and shelter.