

**Bluewater Quilters' Guild**  
**Community Quilts**  
**Fabric Donation Guidelines**

Thank you for considering Bluewater Quilters' Guild Community Quilts Program to receive your fabric donation. The following guidelines have been established for accepting fabric donations. If your fabric donation meets the requirements, we will gladly accept it. A representative from the Community Quilts Program will meet you at Pauline's Place at a prearranged time that is mutually convenient.

**Fabric Donation Guidelines**

- ❖ **Only 100% cotton fabric, please** – no poly/cotton blends, polished cotton, knits, upholstery, fleece, drapery or garment fabric.
- ❖ **Fabrics can be pre-washed but new** – please no recycled fabric from garments, curtains, drapes or previously used projects.
- ❖ **Community Quilts require about 2 yards of 40" wide fabric (not counting the selvage) for backing.** If you have any fabric of this quantity that you no longer have a need for, we would love to have it!
- ❖ **If you are a smoker and store your fabrics where you smoke or use a wood stove as a heat source, it cannot be used to make Community Quilts.** Our resources are limited, and we cannot properly launder fabric to remove the odour before we use it. Even if fabric is "aired out", once it is touched with a hot iron and steam, the smell comes back. Many of our quilts are donated to people who are ill or could have serious allergies – we don't want to make their situation worse. Also, for this reason we do not accept fabric that has been water damaged or exposed to anything which could make someone ill.
- ❖ **No cuts under 1/8 yard please** – Our kits already generate scraps when cut, which are used in other Community Quilt kits, so we really don't need more small scraps or leftover blocks
- ❖ **No fabric older than 15 years please** – believe it or not, fabric does actually have a "shelf life" – we want the quilts we make and donate to survive wear and tear for a reasonable time

**Quilt Donation Guidelines**

- ❖ **If you are making your own quilt (instead of one from one of our kits) and require batting and backing,** we are happy to provide you with materials to help you with your donation. However, due to limited funds for batting and backing we are unable to provide batting or backing for quilts larger than 60" X 80". Approval must be given by a member of the Community Quilts team for batting or backing for a double or queen size quilt as demand for larger quilts is very low and it is increasingly difficult to find quilters with the time, skill and inclination to finish large quilts.

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(Adapted from Longmont Quilt Guild Community Outreach Fabric Donation Guidelines)

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### **Dog Bed Donation Guidelines**

- ❖ **If you wish to donate your small fabric scraps to be repurposed for Dog Beds -** Please put your scrap fabric into a clean but gently used pillow case. The pillow cases should be approximately 2/3 full of fabric scraps and the opening secured by sewing it closed. Pillow cases for dog beds may be available at Pauline's Place if requested. The dog beds will be delivered to the Owen Sound Animal Shelter where they are greatly appreciated.