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CREATE blankets

HOW TO CREATE blankets.

SIZE: Size is determined by the size of available fabric. Every size is usable by someone. A child's blanket can be 30 X 30 inches or larger. Adult blankets can be as large as half a queen size sheet or smaller. With large pieces such as sheets, fold in half or fourths to determine how many can be made, giving preference to larger sizes. (Leftover strips can be sewn together to make small blankets.)

FABRIC: Choose only comfy cotton, cotton-blends or flannel in GOOD condition. Avoid microfiber sheets and sheets with high polyester content because they are hard to work with and are not as comfortable in hot or cold climates. Avoid religious symbols or camouflage fabric.

PREPARATION: Pre-shrink new fabric before sewing. If it has been gently used, such as a sheet, make sure it is clean and smells fresh. Minor holes or stains can be covered with a soft applique or iron-on patch cut into decorative shapes.

Fabric can be cut with scissors or torn. Tearing will insure the edges will follow the weave and lessen fabric twisting. All hems and selvages should be removed. After cutting or tearing to the desired size, match with a second fabric of coordinating color and identical size. Fabric from a sheet matched with a flannel piece will be warmer.

SEWING DIRECTIONS:

1. With right sides facing one another, sew the two pieces together with a 5/8 inch seam, leaving an unsewn opening about 6 inches long.
2. Reinforce the corners by backstitching in both directions about 6 stitches to prevent weak corners becoming holes. Then trim off the corners to reduce bulk.
3. Turn the stitched blanket right side out. Hand-sew the opening closed.
4. Make the edges neat with basting or pins, and topstitch 1/4 to 1/2 inch from the edge.
5. Remove your basting or pins.

PRAY: Please remember to pray for God's redeeming love to touch each one who receives a blanket.

NOTE: These blankets are not intended to take the place of warm blankets in cold climates, but rather as an addition against the cold. They will also be used in warm/hot climates where the winter nights can become too cool for sleeping with no cover. Even in the Philippines children have died from exposure because they had no covering in their "winter" season.

Thank you.

God bless you for your compassion and willingness to help meet someone's need to be warm.
