



Guidelines for Hosting a Jill's Blankets Event

How can I become a Jill's Blankets Event Leader?

Thanks for your interest in becoming an Event Leader for Jill's Blankets! We welcome friends, girl scouts/boy scouts, youth groups, senior groups, students, sororities, fraternities and more to partner with us. If you live outside of Richmond, Virginia and want to organize blanket-making events where you live, here are helpful guidelines to help you start.

What kind of blanket do we make and distribute?

We make handmade no-sew fleece tied blankets, (instructions attached). All polar fleece must be new and from a smoke-free environment. We suggest using anti-pill polar fleece only. Polar fleece is available at stores like Joann Fabrics, Walmart, Hancock Fabrics and local fabric stores. Look for specials and coupons offering 40-50% off. Online purchasing of polar fleece is also available as well. Be creative when selecting fabrics and choose patterns or colors that you love! Remember, these blankets are going to patients of all ages. Different blanket styles and patterns will appeal to a wide variety of ages and tastes.

What size blanket should I make?

The size that works best for patients is 58" x 54" size. This requires 1.5 yard of printed fleece and 1.5 yards of plain coordinating fleece (3 yards total). We'll send you Jill's Blankets' labels to sew inside each completed blanket. We'll also send you Jill's Blankets' purple cards to include with each finished blanket.

Where can I host a blanket-making event?

Events can be held in private homes, churches, workplaces, schools...wherever you can find the space with large tables (not suited for floor work as polar fleece picks up lint). Just let your volunteers know date, time and place, and then be prepared to have fun making blankets together.

Where can I distribute blankets when completed?

Locate a cancer infusion center or a health care facility that provides chemotherapy treatment where you live. Contact them about how to donate and when to deliver Jill's Blankets. Every blanket counts and it doesn't matter if you make one blanket or 100 blankets. All are needed and all are appreciated!

Sign Me Up!

If you are interested in hosting an event please contact us and we will get you set up with (1) Jill's Blankets labels, (2) Jill's blankets cards to be placed inside the blankets, (3) instructions for blanket making, and (4) tips for a successful event. We also ask that you email us about your blanket making session, let us know how many folks participated, how many blankets you made and where you delivered them. Please take photos as well so we can share Jill's Blankets stories with others in our newsletter, on our Facebook page and website.

How else can I donate?

If you want to contribute but can't host a blanket-making event please make tax-deductible checks payable to Jill's Blankets and send to: 11312 Deephaven Ct., | Henrico, VA 23233

Jill's Blankets is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and we'll provide you with a tax receipt.

Your donation helps us purchase blanket supplies like polar fleece and labels so we can continue making blankets in Richmond, VA. They will be delivered to infusion centers around the Greater Richmond area.



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