



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, scouts, youth groups, senior groups, students, sororities, fraternities, companies, and more to partner with us. While we love involving all ages in our mission, fleece blanket making is best suited for ages 15+. This helps us maintain quality and ensures each blanket is ready to provide comfort to a cancer patient. To help offset material cost—and to allow us to continue bringing warmth to cancer patients—we invite partner organizations to consider a donation of \$100 or more. Each blanket costs approximately \$20 to make.

What kind of blanket do we make and distribute?

We make handmade no-sew fleece tied blankets, (instructions on website). Fleece must be new and from a smoke-free environment. We suggest using anti-pill fleece only. Fleece is available at retail stores like Hobby Lobby. We buy fleece wholesale and can discuss how you might make blankets with our supply of fleece. 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" × 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 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 and it's not sanitary). 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! Our website also has a current list of our delivery locations.

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 social media, and on our website.

How else can I donate?

If you want to contribute but can't host a blanket-making event we accept tax-deductible contributions online (JillsBlankets.org) or checks payable to Jill's Blankets (send to: 8435 Pine Hill Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23116). Your donation helps us purchase fleece and blanket supplies so we can continue making blankets.

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