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Completing a Kids Comfy Quilt

After the children have drawn their pictures on the 8 1/2 inch square pieces of muslin, press the art work between a clean white cloth and a piece of waxed paper using an electric iron set on cotton. Move the iron quickly and smoothly over the waxed paper then lift the paper off the crayola block.

Cut from a coordinating cotton fabric 18 blocks measuring 8 1/2 inches square. Stitch together alternating fabric blocks with crayola blocks using a 1/4 inch seam to form a strip 56 inches long. Starting with a crayola block, alternate with a fabric block using a 1/4 inch seam until you have another 56 inch strip. Continue this pattern until all the remaining blocks are used. You will have 5 long strips.

Be sure to put a school or organization identifying block as the second block in the third 56 inch strip. The result will look like this:

x = fabric blocks	x 0 x 0 x
0 = crayola blocks	0 x # x 0
# = identifying block	x 0 x 0 x
	0 x 0 x 0
	x 0 x 0 x
	0 x 0 x 0
	x 0 x 0 x

Stitch the 56 inch strips together making sure that the seams meet on each row of squares. The result will look like this:

x0x0x
 0x#x0
 x0x0x
 0x0x0
 x0x0x
 0x0x0
 x0x0x

Layer the connected strips that make the quilt top with light weight batting (42 inch by 56 inch) then the backing fabric (44 inch by 60 inch). Fold the backing fabric over the edge of the quilt top then fold under 1/4 inch on the raw edge. Stitch around the resulting rectangle. Pin the seam intersections then stitch in the ditch or tie tack every 4 inches. Make an envelope bag from the remnants.

When the quilt is finished call _____ who will arrange pick up of the quilt to take it to the Disaster Relief Volunteer office for delivery to a needy child experiencing a disaster. Thank you.

Measurements for Fabric in KCQ Kits

The 17 children's crayon squares and 18 contrasting squares are 8 1/2" by 8 1/2".
One of the 17 crayon squares should identify the group that is making the squares, i.e. the school, church or organization

The quilt backing fabric is 44" by 60".

The light weight quilt batting is 42" by 56".

The envelope bag fabric is 40" by 14" to 17" depending on the original fabric width.

Using 44" wide fabric

117" (3 1/4 yds) of fabric makes 20- 8 1/2" square blocks, quilt backing and bag

81" (2 1/4 yds) of fabric makes quilt backing and envelope bag

60" (1 2/3 yd) of fabric makes one quilt backing

36" (1 yd) makes 20- 8 1/2" square blocks

18" (1/2 yd) makes one envelope bag for the quilt

Using 56" wide fabric

27" (3/4 yd) of fabric makes 18- 8 1/2" square blocks

60" (1 2/3 yd) of fabric makes one quilt backing and 7- 8 1/2" square blocks

74" (2 1/8 yd) of fabric makes quilt backing, envelope bag and 8 blocks

90" (2 1/2 yd) of fabric makes quilt backing, envelope bag, and 20 blocks

Using 60" wide fabric

18" (1/2 yd) of fabric makes 18- 8 1/2" square blocks

Most other measurements are the same as shown above using the 56" fabric

Delivered ____squares on _____

Dear Principal,

Thank you for taking time to learn about Kids Comfy Quilts, a project that helps children respond in a positive way to the needs of other children whose lives are affected by disaster. The feed back we have from all those involved with this activity is very sincere and special.

Just a few ideas and requests prior to distributing the muslin squares to teachers:

- 1) Feel free to copy the instruction sheet.
- 2) Encourage teachers to tell the children in their class that these blocks will be sewn together to make a quilt to be given to unfortunate children by volunteers who take food, and other help to where floods, fires, tornadoes or other disasters have destroyed homes.
- 3) Ask that teachers encourage the children to draw a picture of something that makes them happy, such as a pet, toy, or favorite family activity.
- 4) If the child does not like what they have drawn and wants to discard the square, please collect those squares so that we can use them in another way. We appreciate every artistic expression of the children!

Thank you. Call me at _____when the squares are completed and I will pick them up.

Kids Comfy Quilt Kit

Contains: 17 kids colored blocks, 18 blocks of fabric, backing of contrasting or matching fabric, batting for the quilt, instruction sheet.

Some kits have 2 or more different patterns/ colors of fabric blocks, marked "mix". Lay out the quilt top and put the contrasting blocks in the pattern in a way that is pleasing.

The backing fabric is adequate to provide a bag to hold the finished quilt.

When cutting the backing from the extra wide fabric, use the scraps to make a bag: use a 40" piece that is 14 to 17 inches wide, hem the short ends and double the long piece so that the top overlaps enough to make a flap, then stitch the sides and turn right side out. The result is an envelope bag to hold the kids quilt.