

Longmont Quilt Guild Community Outreach Fabric Donation Guidelines

Thank you for considering Longmont Quilt Guild's Community Outreach Committee to receive your fabric donation! Because we have had so many generous quilters ask, and because we have specific organizations that receive the quilts we make, we have established the following guidelines (**which are strictly enforced**) for accepting fabric donations. If your donation meets the requirements, we are very happy to receive it and will gladly provide you with a receipt for your tax records. Should you have any questions contact our Outreach Chair, Donna Mae Norris, at outreach@longmontquiltguild.org.

- **Only 100% cotton fabric, please**—no poly/cotton blends, polished cotton, drapery or garment fabric.
- **Fabric can be pre-washed but must be new**—please no recycled fabric from garments, curtains / drapes or previously used projects!
- **If you are a smoker and store your fabric where you smoke, we cannot use it.** Our resources are limited, and we cannot properly launder the fabric to remove the odor before we use it. Even if your fabric has been “aired out”, once we touch it 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. For this reason, we also cannot accept fabric that has been water damaged or exposed to anything which could make someone ill. Thank you for your understanding of this guideline!
- **No cuts under 1/8 yard please**—we already have TONS of scraps! Anything less than 1/8 yard (or a fat quarter) will be recycled into insulation. It is VERY difficult for us to use up your leftover half square triangles or to finish a project you started but no longer wish to complete. Our kits already generate scraps when cut, which are used in other outreach quilt kits, so we really don't need more small scraps or leftover blocks.
- **If you are making your own quilt (instead of one from our kit) and require batting or backing**, we are happy to provide you with materials to help you complete your donation. However, due to limited funds for batting and materials, **we are unable to provide batting or backing for quilts larger than 40” x 60”** (the same size as our kits). We are struggling to complete the quilt tops that have already been donated which are larger than that size—it can be difficult to find quilters with the skill and time to finish large quilts.
- **Our quilts need 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'd love to have it!
- **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 to come!