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- **MICHAEL'S CRAFT STORES**

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Would you like to help **BLANKETS FOR CANADA?** You can...

- knit, crochet or quilt squares for us
- join squares together to create blankets
- tell us about organizations that care for those who need blankets
- donate acrylic yarn
- donate cash (it takes approx. \$25 to make one blanket)
- start a Blankets for Canada chapter in your community



Please recycle this pamphlet— or better still, pass it on to someone you know in an organization that cares for those without shelter, or in need of warmth.

BLANKETS FOR CANADA SOCIETY INC.

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The idea for Blankets for Canada came from "Warm Up America" sponsored by the Craft Yarn Council of America, in Gastonia, NC. We thank them for all their help and support as we have grown!

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How do we help keep Canadians warm on the cold winter nights... and some summer ones too?

www.blankets4canada.ca
(Hosted by DataBoss Inc)

One square at a time - that's how!

The secret is to knit or crochet an 8" x 8" (20 cm) square. When these squares are sewn together, 6 squares wide by 8 squares long (just 48 squares!), you have a blanket 48" x 64" (120 cm x 160 cm) and you'll be helping "Warm Canadians!"

The finished blankets are then distributed, **free of charge**, to agencies working in the community and caring for those who are in need of warmth or comfort. Some examples of recipient agencies would include homeless shelters, women and children's safe houses, and other emergency services.

BLANKETS FOR CANADA was established in the fall of 1998. Today it reaches all across Canada, and we have friends in the USA who help, too!

We are women, men and children of all ages who knit, crochet, quilt and weave to help those in need of warmth in their local area.

BASIC KNITTING AND CROCHETING PATTERNS AND MATERIALS

- New 4-ply worsted-weight acrylic yarn
- 4mm knitting needles or 5mm crochet hook
- Gauge: 5 st = 1 inch (2.5 cm)

TO MAKE A SQUARE:

- - Cast on 40 stitches and knit to 8" x 8"

OR ...

- Knit on the diagonal in the classic 'dishcloth' pattern until the piece is 8" x 8".

TO MAKE A STRIP:

A strip can be 8" or 10" wide (or however wide you want to make it) and 64" long.

TO MAKE A BLANKET:

Knit or crochet a blanket that is as close to 48" x 64" as possible.

TO MAKE A 'COMFORT PACK':

Leave a slit in the middle of the blanket large enough to fit over a large head. This can then be used as a blanket, a coat, or a pillow to sit on.

Remember...

you can use any stitch you like - in fact, this is a good way to try a new stitch, as long as the finished squares are approximately 8" x 8". Here are some basic stitch ideas if you prefer to 'keep it simple':

~ KNITTERS ~

Basic Garter Stitch

Knit every row until piece measures 8" by 8".

Basic Stockinette Stitch

Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: Purl all stitches.

Repeat rows until piece measures 8" by 8".

~ CROCHETERS ~

Basic Single Crochet

Chain 30 for foundation chain.

Row 1: Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 and turn.

Row 2: Work under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 8" by 8".

Basic Double Crochet

Chain 27 for the foundation chain.

Row 1: Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain of the foundation row. Chain 2 and turn.

Row 2: Double crochet in each stitch across the row. Chain 2 and turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 8" by 8".