

How to Make a Lutheran World Relief Quilt

LWR quilts are easy to make. Place a piece of fabric measuring 64" X 84" right side down on the table. Do not use fabric prints with religious symbols, U.S. flags or military insignia. Place a filler measuring 60" X 80" on top, and then place another piece of fabric, also measuring 60" X 80", right side up on top of the filler. Tie the layers together, using crochet or similar cord. Bring the edges of the 64" X 84" piece over the top, pin and machine-stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible.

Finished quilts should measure approximately 60" X 80". Please keep in mind that the ultimate purpose of a quilt is to provide warmth and choose your fabrics and filler accordingly. Even in warmer climates, the temperatures can drop dramatically at night, requiring a quilt with sufficient filler. TIPS

Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric, or in any type of patchwork pattern of smaller squares. If squares are preferred, twelve 21" squares or 48 eleven-inch squares sewn together using a 1/2" seam allowance make a 60" X 80" top for a beautiful quilt.

Recommended fabrics for LWR quilts include pre-washed cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, and donated upholstery and drapery samples (no fiberglass).

Use crochet or similar cord for tying. It is easier to thread and pull through than yarn and also is more durable. Ties should be no more than 8 to 10 inches apart.

LWR quilts are both precious and practical when babies and children can use their special gifts even as they grow older. Please donate full-size quilts (about 60" X 80") only.