

Quilts of Valor

Information & Guild lines

Quilts of Valor (QOV) Size should be:
55" x 65" minimum - 72" x 87" maximum
(55" X 65" fits the Legacy 60" batting best)

Fabrics: Use quality fabrics, preferably 100% cotton. Please, DO NOT use scented fabric softener if you pre-wash your fabrics. Many folks are allergic. Your backing fabric should be 4" to 6" larger than your quilt top. Use fabrics with patterns that are appropriate for adults, keeping in mind that most of the wounded are males. One in ten wounded is female so it's a good idea to make quilts that are either neutral or masculine in nature. You do not need to use patriotic fabrics and any pattern may be used.

For pattern ideas, go to ...
The Quilter's Parlour Quilt Shop website at
www.quiltersparlourquiltshop.com
Or the QOV website at www.qovf-um.org

Binding: We generally cut our binding 2 1/4" wide on the cross grain or bias and miter sewing the ends together so it's ready for application.

The binding does not need to be folded in half and pressed for application.
100% cotton is preferred.

When you have completed the QOV top, please attach a Quilt Submission Label (on the website) before you pass it on to The Quilters Parlour Quilt Shop.

Batting: If you have surplus batting, it would be nice to pass it along to the machine quilter. We purchase batting from Pellon. They produce a Legacy 60" wide 80/20 poly/cotton batting and sell it to us at a very advantageous price for QOVs.

Quilters: We are looking for hand or machine quilters willing to donate their time to quilt a Quilt of Valor. QOVs are lap size – generally around 55" x 65". The quilting can be done by hand, domestic sewing machine, or with a quilting machine. You may prefer to have us put you down for 'X' quilts per month and then contact us if you want to change the amount or frequency.

Quilting Designs: A simple overall, either freehand or panto is acceptable, but of course you can do more if you wish. Please make sure that your stitch quality is consistent, evenly spaced across the quilt and heavy enough to withstand heavy use and washing. We recommend a minimum of 4" spacing between quilting lines. If improvements need to be made to the top (wavy borders, un-pressed seams, poor quality fabrics), you make the call. Contact the topper and help her/him learn to do it right or contact a coordinator.

Labels: Your completed QOV must include a fabric label for the back of the quilt. The label is a means of identifying who made the quilt and provides a written history. It can be computer printed, embroidered or hand written with indelible ink. Go to the QOV or Quilters Parlour website for a page of computer printable labels and more detailed information.

Presentation Case: Each QOV is put into a presentation case when it is presented to the veteran. This case is basically a custom made pillowcase that can be made out of any fabric you desire but hopefully it will coordinate with fabric in your QOV. See the Quilter's Parlour or QOV websites for a simple pillowcase pattern.