

What becomes of fabric that is donated to Quilt Bank?

The Quilt Bank is extremely lucky to have numerous generous donations of fabrics. Often someone will contact Grace Filliman directly or stop by the Harwich Community Center.

Our favorite donations are 100% cotton fabric, which is suitable for quilts. If you are unsure if a fabric is cotton, cut off a small piece. Carefully light the edge of the piece and dunk it into a cup of water. Non-cotton will form a plastic feeling melted edge.

We also collect, on occasion, other fabrics such as fleece, for special projects.

If we aren't in need of a particular type of fabric, then we donate it to either the "Treasure Chest", which is the Harwich Recycling Center's swap shop (or you can donate to a similar facility in your town), or the Visiting Nurse Association to help with their fundraising - QB contact for VNA is Carol Cote

Fabric is stored in the lower level of Grace's house. Pieces greater than 1 yard and less than 3 yards are stored by color along the walls. There are also special spots for categories of prints, such as Christmas, Fruits & Veggies, Music, Batik. Fabric that is appropriate for our military red/white/blue quilts is stored on a special rack.

Pieces 3 yards and larger are stored on the movable racks in back corner. Before placing here, the fabric is wrapped around a 6"x24" plastic ruler, then the ruler removed. This allows the fabric to be neatly displayed.

Pieces 1 yard or less have many options for use.

1 yard = sacks for Katelynn's Closet in South Yarmouth. Rather than providing those in need with clothing stuffed in a plastic bag, the donations are provided in colorful fabric sacks. – QB contact Lu Obarowski

1/2 yard or smaller are used for smaller sacks -to give to teens that may get one or two clothing items plus a gift card. QB contact Lu

3/4 yard (soft feeling fabric) = body of a pillowcase for Miles of Smiles / ConKerr Cancer – QB contact Lu

3/4 yard military (soft feeling fabric) = body of a pillowcase for veterans in hospice care – QB contact Linda Manchon

1/2 yard = cut into two Fat Quarters, for one of our big fund raisers for batting needed for the quilts that Quilt Bank creates. Groups of five FQ are sold at the Bayberry Quilt Guild's annual show. Our QB contact Lu will sort the FQ donations into pleasing bundles.

9 inch – 10 1/2 inch strips, width of fabric = pillowcase cuff – QB contact Lu^[1]_{SEP} Less than 1/4 yard, width of fabric = potential strips for projects – QB contact Lu (2 1/2 contact Grace)

Pieces of fabric at least 9 inches x 9 inches become part of the "Buck a Bundle" fundraiser at the annual show. QB contact Maryanne Boberg

Scraps – be creative, or if they can be cut into 2 1/2 " x 5" rectangles, we have a few on-going projects. QB contact Sue Cash.