

Pillowcase Charity Sew-In

CLASS INFORMATION AND SUPPLY LIST

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Come join us for a SEW-IN as we make pillowcases for Cook Children's hospital.

We will be making Junior size (15" x 24") pillowcases.
We will be focusing on stitching pillowcases for the
Fall and Winter holidays & seasons according to their
Stitch-A-Wish general rules and requests.



We have a goal of completing **1,200** pillowcases!!

Friday:

This is mainly fabric prep and kit assembly day. The focus is to cut, press and assemble kits for sewing. If you volunteer on this day, bring rotary cutters, rulers. Mats are available in the classroom. We also need volunteers to press and assemble the kits!

We could start sewing Friday afternoon – so bring your machines if you want to start sewing.

Saturday:

This is the main stitching day. We use an assembly line format with stitchers doing one step in the construction process.

If you wish to pre-cut any donated fabric before the sew in:

- The pillowcase body is cut from **print** fabric 21" x 31.5".
- The cuff is cut 9" x 32". **Solid fabric only.** Press in half lengthwise wrong sides together.
- The accent strip is cut 2" x 32". **Solid fabric only.** Press in half lengthwise wrong sides together.

Supplies you need to bring:

- Sewing machine & accessories (foot pedal, power cord, needles, bobbins w/ thread, sewing feet) AND/OR
- Serger machine with thread – neutral colors (white, light gray, ivory, etc)
- Sewing thread: Bring several color options: white, beige, some darker colors.
- Notions: Pins, scissors, ruler/tape measure, seam ripper, fabric marker, turning tool (optional).
- Rotary cutter and rulers

Each pillowcase will have a Cook Children's label (provided by RSC) sewn on the cuff.

Fabric Donations: These are always welcome! We really need solids or "read solid" fabric: blenders, tone-on-tone, small subtle prints for the cuff and accent strips. For print fabric, we need child-friendly fabrics – bright colors, superheroes, animals and pets. Somber florals or graphics are not that useful for kids' pillowcases.

IT'S a SEW IN!! Bring nibbles and noms!