

How to Organize an Honor Guard Quilt Project

1. Locate a VFW or American Legion Post in your community. Contact the commander of the posts to ask if there is an Honor Guard unit that serves the community. Try to learn a little about the units. Sometimes the two organizations work together.
2. Establish a contact within the VFW or American Legion. Either the Commander of the Post or possibly the captain of the Honor Guard.
3. Find out how many men are serving on the honor guard to determine how many quilts you need to make.
4. If you want to personalize the quilts with the individual branch of service logo this is the link to get the fabric logos. www.travelingdesigns.com They are printed on 100% cotton fabric and cut down to a 8 ½" square.
5. Set a timeline to accomplish making the quilts. Calico Hearts gave us one year to get the quilts all done. Sometimes selecting a significant date such as November 11th, Veterans Day is a great opportunity to create an event to present the quilts.
6. Provide a simple pattern that the ladies can make. Determine the size of quilt you want to make. Most quilts provided are lap size.
7. Check out this web site for free quilt pattern ideas. <https://www.govf.org/quilters-questions/quilt-patterns/>
8. Ask for volunteers to piece the quilts and volunteers to quilt them.
9. Make a label for the back of every quilt and include a space for each quilter to add their name.
10. Choose a couple of ladies to keep track of the quilts and their progress as well as maintaining contact with the VFW Post or American Legion.



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