

# **QUILTS BEYOND BORDERS**

## **- giving to Ethiopian Orphans**

### **Saturday May 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

We so much enjoyed quilting together when we last met that we are going to quilt again on May 16. So far we have made over 25 quilts for Ethiopian orphans. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Invite your friends to come quilt!

#### **Guidelines for the quilts:**

Fabrics: cotton or cotton blend, especially in bright colors

Batting & backing fabric, or fleece if you prefer

Sizes: 42" x 48" to 42" x 54" to 42" x 60" (or similar).

Quilts should be simply quilted, **but not tied**

(as young children may undo the ties and eat them).



The Sisters of Mercy have also requested **flannel sheets**, so you would be welcome to hem flannel rather than quilt if you prefer. Sheet sizes are: selvedge to selvedge by 44" or 52" or 59" or 67" long. Only the cut edge needs to be hemmed.

#### **Here is a list of items to bring with you:**

Sewing machine, pins, thread, extension cord and power strip, scissors, rotary cutter and board, fabric, including backing fabric and batting. We will also need 3 or 4 irons and ironing boards to share.

For those who have asked, the simple block quilt I made (smallest size) took 3/4 yard picture fabric, 1/2 yard each of 2 contrasting fabrics, 1 1/2 yards backing fabric, 1/2 yard fabric for binding, plus batting.

I have a lot of donated fabrics, which you are welcome to use. Please let me know if you would like some and I will bring them to church for you to choose.

**Lunch** will be provided, but only if you order it in advance (\$10).

Please let me know if you plan to come so that I know how many tables to get set up, and how many lunches to arrange for.

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