



## Quilts for Survivors of National Disasters - Guidelines

Quilters Guild of SA Inc. will send quilts you are making to any area within our nation that requires them. Below you will find general information to begin the process.

Unless specifically requested, **NO BLOCKS OR SCRAPS** will be collected. There may be occasion when other goods (ie haberdashery) are called for but each event will have it's own requirements. Remember all we donate has to be transported.

### **WHEN DISASTER HITS OUR NATION (adapted from PATCHES OCTOBER 2011)**

In recent years our nation has experienced several major natural disasters that have affected many people. As fellow citizens we want to help, and as quilters we want to make quilts to show we care and to help keep them warm.

The Executive has been learning from past experiences and from our interstate colleagues, and we have designed some guidelines for the collection of quilts in the future.

- We will only accept **new**, finished quilts with a **minimum size of 1m x1.2m**. This is big enough to wrap around a child.
- Quilts should be appealing in **colour**, but please **avoid** muddled browns – not a colour a flood-affected survivor wants to see - or blacks and reds for fire survivors. (Advice from a woman who has been helping both the fire and flood survivors in Victoria over the last 3 years)
- The Long arm machine quilters have a list of members who have been prepared to stop paid commissions to machine quilt pieced tops. However do not take this for granted and check first. (This does not apply for our normal charity quilts.)
- The **cost** of batting and backing also needs to be considered. Who is going to pay for it?
- **Labels** on the back are important and give your gift a personal touch. Made by ....., Town ..... Year..... Simple care instructions.
- If small haberdashery packs are requested, please package them attractively. If you choose to include thread buy new reels as thread deteriorates with age. Cotton fabrics should be neatly cut into squares, of useable size (e.g. fat quarters) and arranged.
- The Guild will not generally accept any manchester, quilt blocks, other fabrics, books or magazines.
- Our contribution needs to be shipped approximately 4 months after the disaster. **We can be too soon, and too late.**
- **“If you wouldn't be delighted to receive your gift, please don't give it”.**
- Please advise QGSA if you are making quilts as a **group project**. Appoint one member within the group to collect and store quilts and forward an email contact so we can easily be in touch to advise where your nearest assembly point will be.

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