

Quilt Specifications:

Please note that these specifications are from American Hero Quilts and Madigan Army Medical Hospital

Fabrics:

- Must be 100% cotton and of “good” quality.
- Must be prewashed and ironed.
- Must in Red, White, Blue or Patriotic themed.
- May be plain or patterned
- Can be the bright Red, White and Blue or the more muted Burgundy, Navy and Off-White.

Quilt size and Patterns:

- Must be no less than 60” wide and 70” long up to Twin Size (69”x90”)
- Fabrics should coordinate well within the quilt to create a sense of pride and patriotism for ADULT recipients.
- Any pattern is acceptable as long as it is well put together and sewn carefully with an eye for quality.
- Please take the time to clip your threads on the back, as these quilt tops will be sent to volunteering Long-Arm Quilters that will be donating their time. We want to make their work as easy and creative as possible.

Donations: (if you would like to send donations of the backing, batting and binding along with the quilt top they would be accepted most gratefully)

Backings:

- Should be at least 5” larger on all sides than the top
- These fabrics CAN NOT be used due to their fibers: Flannel, corduroy, fleece, and fabric with sparkles. Fibers from these fabrics can interfere with the healing process of wounds.
- These fabrics CAN NOT be used due to the nature of the use of the quilts: Light colored fabrics or muslin. Some of the injured have open wounds which can cause stains.

Bindings:

- Strips should be cut from the widths of the fabric. As Bindings are the weakest point on any quilt, multiple little pieces sewn together make this weak point even weaker.

Batting:

- Warm and Natural
- Hobbs 80/20
- Natural fibers with good wear-ability.

Money:

- American Hero Quilts is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit and 100% of all donations go to buying products to produce the quilts or to quilt them.

Why are the standards so stringent?

These quilts are treasured by those that receive them. Some recipients want to know how to frame them to protect them, as well as display them as a constant reminder that the sacrifices made are appreciated by the citizens of our fine country. So please, slow down and make quality rather than quantity.

Often these quilts are enjoyed day after day by those who have received them, wrapping themselves in them as though they continue to receive the hugs they represent.

Some who receive these quilts are, unfortunately, buried with them. Others pass these quilts down to their own children because of what the gift represents.

American Hero Quilts are not made for just anyone. They are made for *real American heroes*.