

SIZE

WIDTH of quilts between 40" and 50", but ask if in doubt.

LENGTH of quilts between 66" and 72", longer also ok.

IMPORTANT: make as an OBLONG - as a wrap - NOT as a square: it needs to provide a hug. The ideal is 44" x 70".

FABRIC

We always need more quilts for males than females, so please think about colours and fabric patterns that might appeal to both wherever you can (though both utterly feminine or overtly masculine are welcome too!) We also welcome hugs for our LGBTQ+ community.

Please do not use anything heavier than quilting weight fabric i.e. no curtaining or upholstery.

No licensed fabrics.

Tops made with denim e.g. rag quilts, are acceptable PROVIDED seams are adequate to prevent fraying.

What pattern you choose is totally up to you!

QUILTING

Quilting can be as simple as you like but should be as close as is sufficient to support the seams of the top.

To be on the safe side, approximately 4" between lines of quilting is recommended

If using fleece as backing, wadding is not always required but quilting must support those seams on the top.

A long arming service – where a Q4CL volunteer quilts your top for you- is available for a **donation of £7 per top** towards the cost of wadding and thread.

Tops should be accompanied by a single piece of backing fabric, 8" wider and 8" longer than the top, plus sufficient binding to go around the top + 12".

If you would like to be placed in the queue for this service, contact XXXXXXXX in the first instance. You will be advised when your tops have been allocated to the next available long arm volunteer and will be bound and retained by them UNLESS you have specified otherwise. If you would like to have your quilts returned to you for binding you will need to arrange the cost of this directly with your longarmer.

WHEN YOUR QUILT IS FINISHED...

Labels: we supply Q4CL labels, which have a tracking number. They are to be sewn (not stuck) securely on the back of the quilt. Please message us for details if you have a quilt that is finished and ready for a label.

Please store the quilt(s) you complete yourself until they are called in. This will happen several times during the year: in 2021 these will be March/April, June/July, and September.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Our quality control is simple too: would we give this quilt to someone we love? If using recycled fabrics, please make sure they are in good condition.

ALWAYS bear in mind that we are making for young adults aged between 16 and 25 when choosing fabrics and patterns

A paper gift tag with your own message can be attached to your quilt (safety pin is preferred), but use your first name only please

Any quilts where animals have been, if you have smokers in your house or coal/log fires, or when you have been ill during the making, need to be washed and/or all fur cleared off please before donating.

Any Covid19 virus will no longer be live on any quilt when we send it out.

Possible Layouts without borders

Unfinished Block size	Finished Block size	Layout Size	Block layout	Number of blocks	Width	Length
5"	4.5"	Min	9x15	135	40.5"	67.5"
		Max	11x16	176	49.5	72
5.5"	5"	Min	8x14	112	40	70
		Max	10x14	140	50	70
6.5"	6"	Min	7x11	77	42	66
		Max	7x12	84	42	72
7.5"	7"	Min	6x10	60	42	70
		Max	7x10	70	49	70
8.5"	8"	Min	5x9	45	40	72
		Max	6x9	54	48	72
9.5"	9"	Only	5x8	40	45	72
10"	9.5"	Only	5x7	35	47.5	66.5
10.5"	10"	Min	4x7	28	40	70
		Max	5x7	35	50	70
11.5"	11"	Only	4x6	24	44	66
12.5"	12"	Min	4x5	20	48	60
		Max	4x6	24	48	72