



The Brightest Little Star Project

Blanket Kits

Thank you for taking home this kit to make receiving blankets for the babies in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley. The 55 bed nursery at Alta Bates is a busy place – nurses and doctors care for about 1,200 newborns a year!

These cozy blankets are a lovely gift for families whose babies are expected to remain in the unit for an extended period of time. They bring a special warmth to the nursery and the nurses love being able to choose just the right one for the baby they are caring for. The large blankets (45”x45”) are used as a coverlet for the incubator and as a receiving blanket for twins. The hospital foundation recently gave us funding so we could continue making these special blankets.

Attached you will find basic instructions for completing the blankets. Finished items should be returned to Stonemountain – not the hospital. We hope you will be able to complete and return them by _____.

Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated as you help us further our mission. If you or anyone that might want to join our efforts – please spread the news!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Our Mission: To bring comfort and love to at risk newborn babies and their parents

Our Hope: That our handmade memory quilts, blankets, scent dolls and hug-a-boards will wrap the babies and their parents in the love of our community and help to heal tiny bodies and big hearts.



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Blanket Kit Instructions

These sweet blankets are given to families to keep as a special memory blanket if their loved little one passes away. We also provide them for babies who spend several weeks in the NICU.

1. Place fabric right sides together and pin.
2. Using a 5/8 seam allowance stitch around the blanket leaving an opening about 6 inches wide in the middle of one of the edges – not at a point. Opening should be big enough to fit your hand through since you will be using it to turn the blanket right side out.
3. Turn blanket right side out and push corners into a point.
4. Iron blanket taking special care with the seams. Turn under the edges of the opening and press so it is easier to stitch closed.
5. Stitch around blanket to close the opening using presser foot as a guide. You do not want to use 5/8 allowance here because you may miss catching the opening. Feel free to use a decorative stitch!
6. Cut out star and remove backing. Place in one of the corners then remove and iron that spot with a warm iron. Place star back in place and iron for a few moments making sure star is secure. You can add additional stars if you have extra material. This is our favorite part!
7. Machine or hand stitch around the star to secure it in place.
8. Return finished blankets to Stonemountain & Daughter Fabrics located at 2518 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. Be sure to sign a few gift cards.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!