

event ideas

SEWN WITH LOVE

Show local women in need some attention. Each person who finishes or brings in a pillowcase gets to dedicate a paper heart to someone they love! We'll display them on a shop bulletin board or stitch the hearts together to make a banner to hang in the shop.

Treats: Heart cookies, candy hearts

Possible charities: Domestic violence shelters, women's shelters, Pillows of Love

CASE RACE

Do you have the stamina it takes to complete a pillowcase marathon? Sign up to participate in a 5K (2-3 hours of sewing or five pillowcases), half marathon (4-5 hours or 13 pillowcases) or a marathon (all day or 26 pillowcases). Events during the day include a case relay, time trials and prizes for the quilters who complete their events!

Treats: Punch or water in paper cups for on-the-go refreshment, grab-and-go food such as pinwheel wrap sandwiches, power bars, Gatorade, and fruit

Possible charities: Homeless shelters, youth crisis centers, a local charity that hosts a walk/run fundraiser

GO GREEN PILLOWCASE DAY

Our quilt shop is going green for Earth Day! Let's stitch up some earth-friendly pillowcases out of fabric from your stash or create pillowcases from Earth-friendly/organic fabrics.

Treats: Green punch, green cake or cupcakes, green tea, green veggies

Possible charities: Children's hospitals

SEW & STUFF PARTY

Bring in a travel-size toiletry item, such as toothpaste, shampoo, or soap, and get a percentage off your purchase for the day. We'll then stuff the pillowcases with the items collected.

Treats: Stuffed-crust pizza, double-stuff cookies

Possible charities: Homeless shelters, victims of natural disasters, refugee services

STITCH FOR SOLDIERS

Celebrate soldiers and veterans with our Stitch for Soldiers event. Join us as we create patriotic- and camouflage-pattern cases. Come sporting something with a flag or patriotic theme to get in the spirit!

Treats: Patriotic-theme cupcakes, cookies, fruit salad

Possible charities: Quilts of Valor, Home of the Brave, Inc., veteran's hospitals, Soldiers' Angels

PAJAMAS & PILLOWCASES PARTY

Don your pajamas and slippers as we sew into the night for a worthy cause in our community. We start at X:XX p.m. and will sew through the night until we reach our goal of ### pillowcases.

Treats: Cookies, hot cocoa, pizza, soda

Possible charities: Easter Seals, children's habilitation and rehabilitation centers, children's hospital

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Sail in for some pillowcase fun at our shop. For every pillowcase you donate, receive a "key" to the treasure chest! The person with the winning key walks away with quilting loot. (Eye patches are optional. Arrrrgggh!)

Treats: Chocolate coins, X marks the spot cupcakes, pirate punch

Possible charities: Children's hospitals, youth shelters

TWICE AS NICE NIGHT

Tonight's pillowcase making event is guaranteed to be double the fun. Why? Because for every pillowcase you make, create one for yourself and a second one for charity. Want to make it even more fun? Bring a friend and get a special "double deal" on your pillowcase fabric purchases.

Treats: Tea tasting (for two, of course!), two-tone cupcakes (chocolate icing on yellow; vanilla icing on chocolate), and other great "duos" such as cheese and crackers, chips and dip, etc.

Possible charities: Convalescent homes, retirement homes, long-term care facilities.

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MILES OF PILLOWCASE SMILES

Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly ConKerr Cancer) is one the few volunteer organizations solely dedicated to helping kids feel better to heal better. Ryan's Case for Smiles work to improve the quality of life of children and their families as they undergo treatment. See how many pillowcase miles you can sew!

Set a goal for your shop for how many feet you would like to complete. For each milestone completed (ex. Every 50 feet or 20 pillowcases), we'll give away a small ruler, measuring tape or other small notion.

Treats: Fruit by the foot snacks

Charity: Ryan's Case for Smiles (caseforsmiles.org)

IT'S A ZOO IN HERE!

Dogs, cats, and dinosaurs, oh my! Lions, tigers, and zebras, oh my! Bring your favorite pet prints or choose from our assortment of animal novelties and prints. All the pillowcases at today's class will be animal-inspired. Let's see what kind of menagerie we can create—all for a good cause, of course!

Treats: Animal crackers, puppy chow, goldfish crackers, pigs-in-a-blanket, ants on a log (celery with peanut butter and raisins), dirt cake, and Kool-Aid

Possible charities: Foster children, Make a Wish, Ronald McDonald houses, St. Jude's Children's hospita, sheriff/police/fire departments, Head Start facilities

GRANDMOTHER/MOTHER/DAUGHTER SEWING DAY

Celebrate Mother's Day with a ladies tea room pillowcase event! Make one for our chosen charity and one to give to Mom as a gift. It's a perfect time to bond with your child or grandchild and pass on the love of sewing while helping others.

Treats: Chocolates, coffee, tea, mini muffins, other tea-room-style foods

Possible charities: Nursing homes, assisted living facilities

SUMMER SEW-A-THON

Beat the heat by staying inside to sew! Sip some lemonade and enjoy some quality sewing time. Wear your flip-flops and your best tropical attire; a prize will be awarded to the person with the best outfit!

Treats: Lemonade, fruit salad, popsicles, ice cream

Possible charities: Summer camps for kids, school supply distribution charities

PILLOWCASE HOP

Come for a hopping good time and to create pillowcases for kids. Hop from station to station making pillowcases from juvenile prints selected especially for the occasion. If you'd like, bring a small toy suitable for age X to X to stuff in the finished pillowcases for an additional treat for the recipients.

Treats: Peeps, chocolate eggs

Possible charities: Foster children organizations, hospitals, youth shelters

ROSIE THE RIVETER: YES WE CAN MAKE 1,000,000 PILLOWCASES

It's an assembly-line setting for tonight's pillowcase event. Staff your stations and we'll see what we can do to make a difference right here at home. Gather the troops and come on over to the shop for an all-hands-on-deck night of fun for a worthy cause!

Treats: 1940s food! Celery stalks stuffed with cream cheese & crushed pineapple, fruit cocktail or sliced canned peaches, M&Ms, Junior mints, and Cheerios (all introduced in 1940s), Ritz crackers. Spam, deviled eggs, bottles of Coca Cola and mock apple pie, sheet cake, and casseroles; use Tupperware containers for serving.

Possible charities: Military troops, Veteran's hospitals, Veteran's homes, homeless shelters, city mission

event supply checklist

- Sewing machines
- Fabric
- Printed patterns
- Cutting mats
- Rotary cutters
- Rulers
- Thread
- Pins
- Pincushions
- Marking pens or pencils
- Rulers
- Small scissors
- Irons
- Ironing Boards
- Basket, clothesline, or other collection device for finished pillowcases

Optional

- Sergers
- Tapestry needles
- Fray check
- Point turners