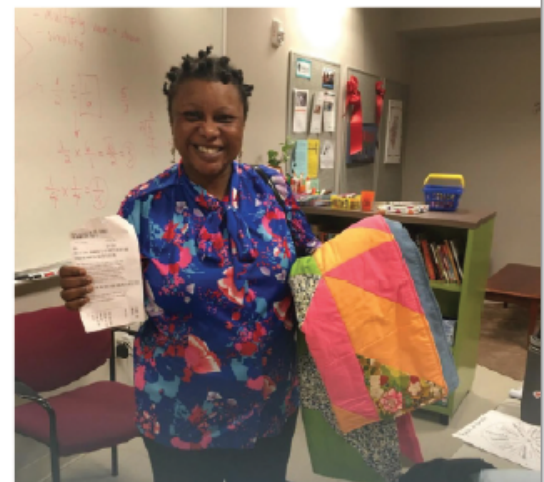




Sickler Welcome Blanket Kits

2000 Miles of Warm Welcome



WHAT?

Making Change with Art & Activism- *Craftivism*.

Partnering with refugee resettlement agencies & immigrant aid groups to distribute blankets.



WHY?

Donating quilts to those in need of a warm welcome.

What better way to say welcome than a pretty, fun and useful blanket?
The need is great.



Reusing Samples

Materials compiled from upcycled memo samples from Interiors Libraries.



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Your Sickler Welcome Blanket Kit includes:

- 36 - 7" - 8" squares of upcycled upholstery fabric
- 32 - 2 ½" bias cut edge band strips of varying sizes
- Batting 44" - 47" approx. square
- Backing fabric 44" - 47" square



What it does *Not* include:

Your creativity, sewing machine, iron, scissors, rotary cutter, straight edge, embroidery hoop, thimble, safety pins, straight pins, sewing needles, or heavy duty thread



****Instructions are optional***

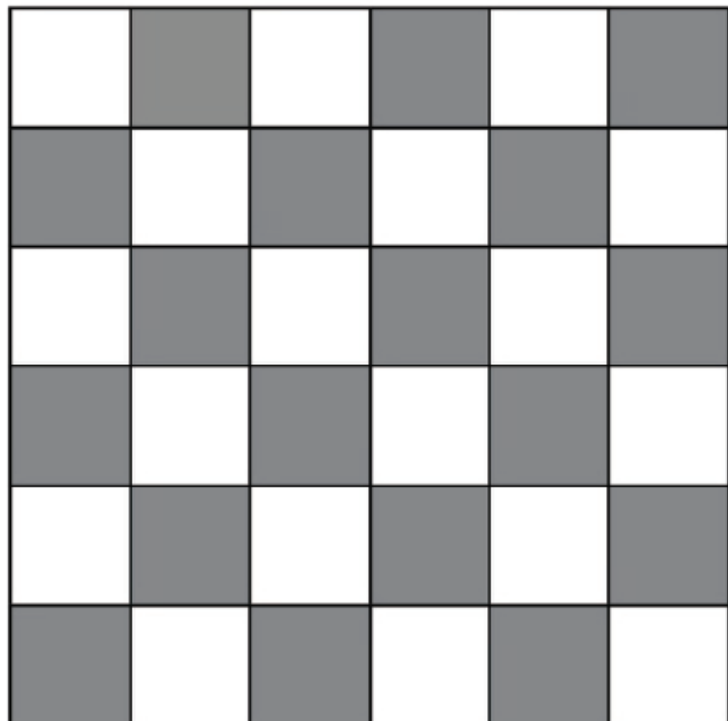
(may use your own technique – there are no wrong ways to make a welcome blanket!)

These are heavy, unconventional quilting fabrics, so it will be a very unique experience!

Step 1.

Layout 36 squares in 6 rows/6 columns.

Alternate solids and patterns.



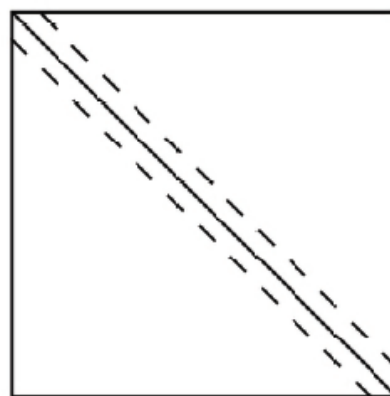
Step 2.

Make 18 sets of 2 squares face to face one solid, one pattern.

Pin the sets together.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each set (this will be your cut line).

Draw two dotted lines each $\frac{1}{4}$ " from solid line (these will be your sew lines).

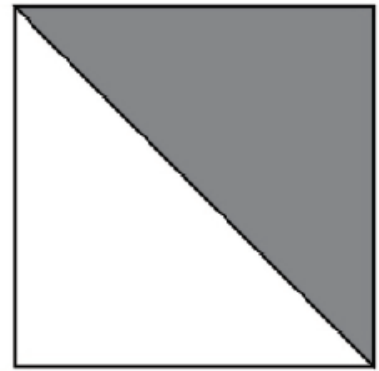


Step 3.

Sew along the dotted lines.

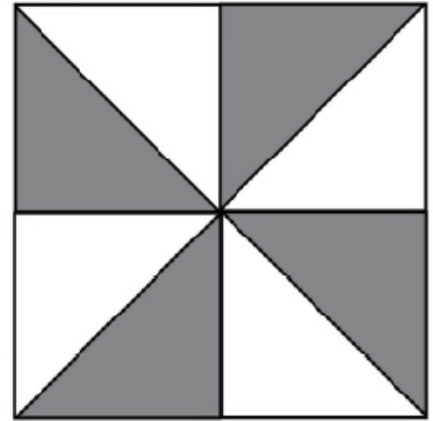
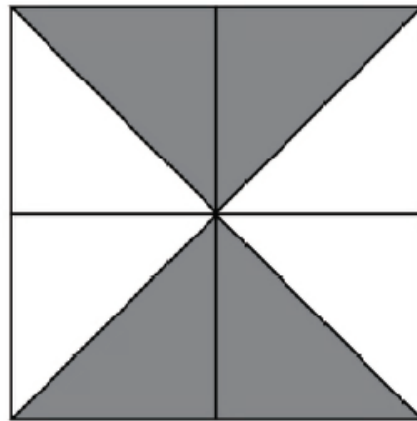
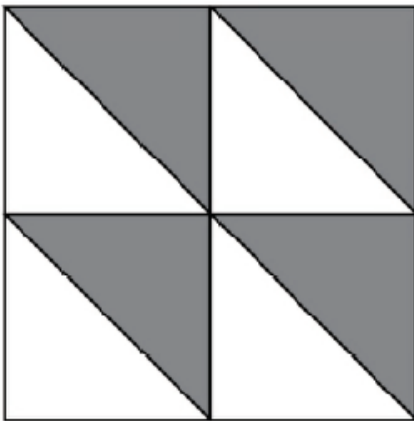
Step 4.

Cut along the straight line. Press open seams (use a thin cotton cloth to protect your fabric and iron from coatings found on commercial fabrics). Trim the corners of excess fabric.



Step 5.

Layout all 36 new diagonal squares. Get creative to establish your overall pattern!



Step 6.

Combine, pin and sew into 9 sets of 4 squares using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, matching the seams. Press open the seams and trim excess. Layout the 9 squares to confirm your pattern.



Step 7.

Combine and sew the big pieces into one blanket approx. 42" square.

Press the blanket and trim excess fabric.



Step 8.

Arrange 4 roughly equal lengths of strips of the edge banding, alternating color size and patterns of pieces. Another step to get creative!

Sew and press the edgebanding strips. Layout and pin the strips to the blanket to attach, one side at a time. Leave an overhang of at least 2 ½". Sew all four sides ending sew line ¼" from ends in order to meet the intersecting seam of adjacent side.



Step 9.

Miter corners and sew. Sandwich the backing (face down), batting and blanket (face up) together and pin. Make sure the backing and batting exceed the blanket face edges. Top stitch the sandwich together with either a machine, by hand or tie together.

Trim excess batting and backing to the size of the edge banding.

Option to crosshatch to finish edges.

Helpful link for tying: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3BGIDMHDSE>



Tip: Hand top stitch is easiest with an embroidery hoop.

Step 10.

Write your personal letter to an immigrant receiving your blanket.

Print and attach to your blanket:

Example:

DEAR RECEIVER OF THIS BLANKET:
THIS BLANKET WAS MADE BY

NAME: _____ CITY, STATE: _____

HERE'S A STORY MEANINGFUL TO MY FAMILY'S HISTORY ABOUT
IMMIGRATION, MIGRATION, AND/OR RELOCATION:

MY WORDS OF WELCOME AND ADVICE ABOUT LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES:

BLANKET INFO:
DIMENSIONS: _____
YARDS USED: _____

CARE INSTRUCTIONS:
☐ MACHINE WASH COLD
☐ HAND WASH
☐ TUMBLE DRY LOW
☐ DRY FLAT

DEAR RECEIVER OF THIS BLANKET:
THIS BLANKET WAS MADE BY

Joni H. LaGrange, Ky
NAME CITY STATE

HERE'S A STORY MEANINGFUL TO MY FAMILY'S HISTORY ABOUT
IMMIGRATION, MIGRATION, AND/OR RELOCATION:
My mother is a 1st generation American. She and her brothers and sisters all lived within 20 mi. of their parents. They all emphasized EDUCATION and following your dream. My cousins are spread from Alaska to New Zealand.

MY WORDS OF WELCOME AND ADVICE ABOUT LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES:
Welcome to the U.S. Remember your roots and use your diversity in everything you do. Education is the key to the American Dream.

BLANKET INFO:
DIMENSIONS: 42x72
YARDS USED: uncycled

CARE INSTRUCTIONS:
☐ MACHINE WASH COLD
☐ HAND WASH
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☐ DRY FLAT

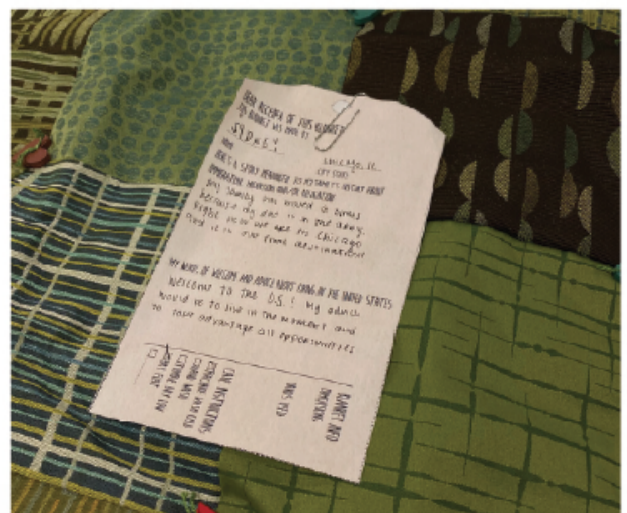
Please ship completed blankets to:

Sickler inc.

222 Merchandise Mart Plaza

Suite 10-141

Chicago, IL 60654



Have old fabric memo samples?

Drop them off at our office (address above)
or email us for a pick-up or UPS Lable

Where are the blankets going?

Your blankets are helping three organizations:

- **The IRC**, our refugee resettlement partners working with asylum seekers who have been released from detention.
- **Miry's List**, a movement dedicated to welcoming new arrival refugee families
- **Catholic Charities USA**, aiding in their *Helping at the Border* program.

Learn More:

The IRC: <https://www.rescue.org/topic/seeking-safety-border>

Miry's List: <https://miryslist.org/>

Catholic Charities USA:
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