

News from Business Meeting

We have given out 167 layettes (5748 items) and 67 burials through April.

We received a large donation of fabric from Vivian Tucker of Monroe. Ida Boyce picked it up and is sorting it and bringing it to the warehouse. We won't be able to use some of it, but there are rolls of fabric which would be good for totes.

Ruth Skaggs has signed Tiny Stitches up for Kroger's Community Rewards Program. We will earn points by using or Kroger Plus cards. We will send out more information soon.

Please be sure to wash all fabric before using it. Much of it is old and has been in warehouses or basements for long periods of time. The mothers who get the layettes have no way to wash the items before they put them on the babies.

Garan is sending us more fabric. There will be about half as much as last time. We will have to get another warehouse unit for it and some of the last shipment which is at Debbie Vickers's house. There will be limited access to this unit.

Washcloths and changing pads can be made of the non-stretchy knit fabric. We will try to sort the knits into stretchy knits for clothing and the kind that can be used for other things.

Ricky Faust of the Lilburn Workshop talked with Ruth Danner who is writing a book. There will be a section about Tiny Stitches in it.

We will need to consider having a work day at the warehouse in May or June.

Bunten Road Workshop will meet on April 29th. They will not meet in June or July. Starting in August they will meet monthly. Everyone is invited to help cut out clothing items.

Leon reported we had \$275 in miscellaneous donations from EXPO and a \$100 donation from a single person. 152 pin cushions were given out. He has kits for the pin cushions if anyone would like to make them for next year. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with EXPO. Leon would like to know if Workshop leaders know of any new volunteers we have gotten from EXPO contact.

Leon got samples of fabric from a couple of dealers. They are small pieces, but can be used to make quilts. Also, the Scissors man who has a booth at Expo is in Gainesville and will sharpen scissors for Tiny Stitches for free.

There is some terry cloth that can be used for bibs and washcloths, but it is stained and pieces have to be cut around the stains.

Needs for this month

Lap-front shirts for boys
Sleepers

Gowns
Fabric hats
Socks
Afghans
Quilts
Changing pads
Large tote bags

Meetings

Pre-Pack will be April 30, 9:30AM at Your Extra Attic, Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Sugar Hill.
Business Meeting will be May 5, 2013, 10:15AM at Atlanta Sewing Center, Duluth Hwy. Duluth.

From the warehouse

Please do not use the resin snaps on the large tote bags.

Note from Susan:

During the past few months, I have had the opportunity to visit most of the Tiny Stitches workshops and meet the ladies who make Tiny Stitches possible. Without you, of course, Tiny Stitches would not be able to meet the needs of the babies who really need our help. During my visits, I've learned how each group works to meet these needs and how dedicated our members are.

I just want to mention something I have learned and two requests that were made. People use paper patterns that are cut out and I learned that cutting the patterns out of flannel works just like a design board for quilting. The flannel lasts longer than paper, is not abusive to our scissors or rotary cutters, and "adheres" to the fabric being cut out so you don't really need to use pins, weights (although I still do), etc. It really makes cutting out much easier.

Sharpie Permanent Markers are being used to trace a pattern on fabric to then be cut out. This seems to be an extra, unnecessary step, but most of all the Sharpie is permanent. If the marking doesn't get taken up in the seam allowance, it will NOT wash out and really won't look nice. Crayola has come out with Ultra Markers – fine or fat – that wash out. They are priced under \$4.00 at Walmart and the ladies on my newsgroup have tested them – marking and leaving it in for a while before washing, ironing it, etc. and it comes out. These ladies are quilters and check everything out first in detail. If you need to cut out your fabric this way, please use these markers instead of Sharpies.

Sorry, I didn't mean for this to be so long ... and last, if you cut out bibs for others to sew please make sure you mirror image the fabric so that when the right sides are put together to be sewn they match, especially since there are three layers to match up.

Thanks for all you do and I look forward to meeting the ladies at the workshops I haven't visited yet. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: sbrunton.emb@gmail.com – or – 678.475.0092.

Workshop leaders – please make sure you pass this on verbally because I don't think everyone gets/reads the newsletter.

Volunteer News