



# Blankets of Belief Workshop

Saturday, September 13th 10 - 3

Warren Congregational Church Parish Hall

4 Sackett Hill Rd, Warren CT 06754

**Be an angel, join us & make an easy no-sew blanket for our troops!**

On **Saturday September 13th, 2008**, from **10 am to 3pm** SOLDIERS' ANGELS with the gracious help of THE WARREN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will host a workshop to make blankets for the Soldiers' Angels "Blankets of Belief" program. The church will open its Parish Hall to anyone who wants to help make a blanket. This is a nationwide effort to create 180,000 home-made blankets for soldiers spending their holidays in a war zone. Whether you agree or disagree with the wars, this is a cause that anyone can support. All are welcome -- stop by anytime during the day to make your blanket.

All skill levels are welcome and we have easy no-sew directions, too!

## **SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED TO BRING:**

- **Good pair of scissors**
- **Tape measure or ruler**
- **Two, 2 linear yard lengths of coordinating fleece (patriotic colors encouraged)**

"Blankets of Belief Kits" may also be purchased in advance from the Soldiers' Angel store for \$29.00: [http://www.angelsstore.org/Blankets\\_of\\_Belief\\_Kits\\_p/blanket002.htm](http://www.angelsstore.org/Blankets_of_Belief_Kits_p/blanket002.htm) (S&H included)

**We will attempt to collect supplies from area vendors but encourage you to B>Y>O>B> Bring Your Own Blanket or whatever you can with you.**

If you are unable to make a blanket but want to help we will happily collect donations to defray shipping costs.

For more information about this workshop please contact:  
Soldiers Angel Laura Swett 860.868.3406, [soldiersangella@gmail.com](mailto:soldiersangella@gmail.com) or alternatively you may email [warrencongregationalchurch@gmail.com](mailto:warrencongregationalchurch@gmail.com).

THANK YOU, on behalf of the troops we serve and the Soldiers' Angels Organization!



Please visit our website at: [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)



# The Soldiers' Angels Organization Sewing Team Announces

## BLANKETS OF BELIEF

Our goal is to send 180,000 HOMEMADE BLANKETS made with  
"love and belief in you" to our service members  
spending another holiday in the war zones.

Will you please make just ONE?

The "Blankets of Belief" guidelines can be found at [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)  
Questions/comments: [blanketsofbelief@gmail.com](mailto:blanketsofbelief@gmail.com)

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## SOLDIERS' ANGELS SEWING TEAM

### Guidelines for Blankets of Belief

To Show Our Deployed Heroes Spending the Holidays in a War Zone... We Believe in You!

**GOAL:** 180,000 handmade blankets

[**Note:** Crocheters and knitters, please see VA Holiday Drive information at the bottom]

**BLANKETS:** Quilt-type with Batting – Cottons and flannels are good  
Fleece No-sew - Directions link below  
Fleece Single-sided - Please back with another fleece or flannel  
Fleece - "Personalized" with patriotic buttons, embroidery or appliqués

**COLORS:** Red/white/blue/patriotic ONLY

**SIZES:** 45" to 55" wide X 65" to 75" long

**SHIPPING:**

1. Roll your blanket up tightly, tie with a ribbon, tag with a note/card.
2. Enclose a holiday note/card. Add "This blanket was made with love and belief in you by \_\_\_\_\_ from Soldiers' Angels."
3. Note #2: enclose another note inside the box with your name/address/email on it so you can be notified of its arrival.

**4. If you are east of the Mississippi,  
please send your blanket to:**

Soldiers' Angels  
Blankets of Belief  
112 Greenhill Road  
Ramseur, NC 27316

**If you are west of the Mississippi,  
please send your blanket to:**

Soldiers' Angels  
Blankets of Belief  
914 Tourmaline Drive  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

**HAVE FUN and THANK YOU on behalf of the Soldiers' Angels Organization and the troops we serve!**

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**No-Sew Directions and Blankets of Belief Flyer:**

Download at <http://soldiersangels.org/index.php?page=blankets-of-belief>

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**CROCHET/KNIT:** Welcome to our VA Holiday Drive! Please contact [va.crochet.craftteam@gmail.com](mailto:va.crochet.craftteam@gmail.com).



## SOLDIERS' ANGELS SEWING TEAM

### Directions for No-sew Fleece Blankets

- SUPPLIES:**
- Good pair of scissors
  - Tape measure or ruler
  - Two 2-yard lengths of coordinating fleece
  - 4"x4" cardboard template with 1" intervals marked on opposite edges

**DIRECTIONS:** *Please read before starting your blanket. Each step is important.*

- Lay out fleece wrong sides together (if "wrong" sides are evident)
- Match up edges
- Pin sides together to keep them in place while you knot
- Cut off rough edges
- Cut a 4"x4" square out of each corner
- Using the template, make 4" deep cuts at 1" intervals around all 4 sides
- Starting in one corner, tie overhand knots close to blanket edge – use one strip from top fleece and one from bottom fleece. Make sure your knot is tight.
- Knot EVERY OTHER pair of strips until you are all around the blanket one time
- Turn blanket over and knot the same way until you have tied all your knots

- HINTS:**
- Use your template as a guide to keep cuts even and equally deep
  - Keep your knot tie tension steady while tying your knots so you don't over-stretch your fleece
  - Snug knots will hold well through washing/drying
  - HAVE FUN!

THANK YOU!

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