

Wheelchair Art

Mission Statement

As a fiber artist I wanted to help those people who may be wheelchair bound and have some form of dementia by giving them art work that they could touch and feel. I know that art quilts offer no cure for those with this disease, but I felt that they should have something wonderful to see every day, to ease their depression, and experience some break from the grinding boredom of being isolated not only by disease but by the community as well.

I would like to make as many as are needed to allow my professional colleague, Dr. Ann Mayo, to use these quilts in clinical trials to see if these little gems are useful as a non-medical intervention in their care.

These quilts are simple to make and require only basic sewing skills. You may feel free to download my directions and make something for yourself, or a family member, but please spend a bit of your valuable time to make something for our project. When studies are completed, I plan on making them for our own parishioners and just expand from that. Put as much love into these as you would for someone you love.

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