



Know the Organization's Guidelines

Confirm size requirements (lap, twin, crib, etc.)
Check fiber preferences (100% cotton, poly batting, etc.)
Review restrictions (religious prints, political symbols, scented detergents, etc.)
Ask about deadlines or seasonal needs

Fabric & Design

Use clean, high-quality fabric (pre-wash if required)
Choose durable, easy-care fabrics (avoid fragile silks or delicate weaves)
Stick to kid-friendly or universally appealing prints/colors if donating broadly
Avoid embellishments that could scratch or come loose (buttons, beads, glitter)

Quilting

Ensure quilting is secure and evenly spaced (no gaps wider than 4-6")
Avoid excessively dense quilting that may make the quilt stiff
Use thread suited for frequent washing (cotton or poly, high quality)

Batting & Backing

Choose washable, comfortable batting (cotton, cotton/poly blend, or organization's preference)
Avoid very high loft that may be bulky
Backing should be sturdy, smooth, and without seams that may rub uncomfortably

Finishing Touches

Remove all pins, basting threads, or loose threads
Add a label if the organization allows (date, "Made with love," first name, etc.)
Wash (if requested) with fragrance-free, dye-free detergent
Press and fold neatly

Delivery

Package quilt in a clean bag or container
Include any paperwork the organization requires (donation form, tag, etc.)
Deliver or ship to the designated drop-off location