

Flannel Blankets for the NICU

The Bozeman Health NICU would love some cute flannel blankets for their babies.

“We love to use the quilts as colorful fun blankets for the babies beds in order to help make the families feel more at home.”

“Any fun fabric is always appreciated just to liven things up around here!”

Tips:

- * Use the nicest quality flannel you can. Most of the flannel at JoAnn’s will work. Quilt shop flannel is even better.
- * Avoid reds and dark colors as they may bleed. You may want to test for bleeding prior to making. (Wash a small piece of the fabric by hand in a white bowl in hot soapy water. Any bleeding? Let sit about 30 minutes. Any bleeding yet? Then place wet fabric on a white paper towel. Do you see color transferring onto the paper towel? If “yes to any of these questions, don't use for a NICU blanket)
- * Boy theme, girl theme, or gender neutral themes are all good. Think “happy” and “fun” fabrics.
- * Do not wash your finished blankets. They will be washed prior to use by the hospital.
- * Please give them to me, Susan Freund. I’m usually at the guild meetings. If you want me to pick them up from you just give me a call at 508-335-4479. You can also leave them in the laundry basket on the top shelf in the lunchroom at SOS.

Instructions:

- Cut the length of the fabric the same as the width. Example 45”x45”.
- Hem all four sides with a double turned hem. (Fold 3/4” twice. Then stitch down.)
- Top stitch again about 1/4” from your first hem. (The double stitching will prevent edge rolling)

Thank you all so much!

