

How to Make a Quilt Square

How Do I Begin?

- Talk to your family members and friends. Get their input on designing the square, since only one square can be submitted per donor. Take your time and think about what you would like to include on the Quilt square. What was important to your loved one? What reminds you of him or her?
- Your Quilt square **MUST** be an 8-inch x 8-inch square. Your design must fit inside a 7-inch square.
- You may use almost any fabric color or type, including sentimental materials such as part of your loved one's baby blanket, high school jacket, tie or favorite sweater. You may use paint (no watercolors), permanent markers, laminated photos or paper and thread to design the square.
- Please do **NOT** use glitter, stickers, glue, crayons or paper (unless laminated), as these items can easily fall off of your Quilt square.
- You may adorn the square with poems, quotes and/or symbols of your loved one's life, your loved one's name, date of birth and/or date of death. Please sew everything securely (do not use glue). The Quilt travels frequently, so make sure everything is as secure as possible.
- Do not “finish” the square with quilting or backing.
- If you would like to include a photograph of your loved one, you can have a photo transferred onto fabric at a copy shop. You may also be able to purchase special fabric for your personal printer.

What if I Can't Sew or I Need Help Getting Started?

If you are unsure of what to do:

- Ask a friend or relative to help.
- Ask local fabric stores for tips from experienced quilters.
- Call TDS and we will find someone to help you with your design

Please take a photo of your quilt square before you submit it so you will always remember your design