

A Case for a Cause – Pillowcase Project

Join the Geary County Free Fair Association in sewing a pillowcase for someone in need. All pillowcases will be donated to local organizations that work with families and/or children in crisis or experiencing difficult transitions. These children/families often pick up and move from place to place with little or no warning. Offering a child their own pillowcase to carry their few belongings in can be a comfort during transitions. With that in mind, pick a cheery, colorful and fun, cotton fabric (**no flannel please**) and make a pillowcase.

Each person can enter a pillowcase designed for an adult and a second pillowcase designed for a child. Both youth (ages 4-15) and adults (ages 16+) can enter this event.

Place your pillowcase in a 1-gallon sealable plastic bag and bring it to the Geary County 4-H/Senior Citizen's building at 1025 S. Spring Valley Road, Junction City, Kansas on Monday July 22, 2019 from 3:00-7:00pm (dining room area.) Each pillowcase will be judged as a special community textile project and be eligible for a ribbon, then put on display with all the other Open Fair textile entries. Following the fair, *all pillowcase entries for this contest will be donated to local service agencies or organizations.*

Join in the fun at the Geary County Free Fair and help someone in need, too! Making a pillowcase is easy, rewarding, and it can have a positive impact on all recipients.

Be creative

Consider making a pillowcase for an adult or child, male or female. You can insert a bit of lace, rickrack, piping or even a flange (a 2 x 42" strip of accent fabric) into the seam between the right side of the border and wrong side of the body of the pillowcase. You could also applique pieces of decorative fabric along the accent piece of the pillowcase. Avoid embellishments that would be uncomfortable to lay your head on or might snag long hair. Smooth, soft surfaces are desired.

Judging Criteria

The judge will evaluate the pillowcase on the following characteristics:

- ✓ Basic construction techniques (straight seams, for example)
- ✓ Visual appeal (colorful, fun for example)
- ✓ Durable fabric
- ✓ Fits Standard 20"W x 30"L, or Queen 20"W x 34"L size pillow
- ✓ Finished seams (so they don't ravel)

Not sure how to make a pillowcase? Check out the Geary County K-State Research & Extension website for simple directions:

This contest was adapted from a project of the DuPage County Fair, Wheaton, IL