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Beyond Belief Network Guides: Craft for Good

Rally your community to craft for good. There is a lot of talent among us! And there are a lot of easy crafts that can have a big impact too. Unhoused people can use winter clothing, blankets, and sleeping pads and you can make them.

Get Organized!

Crafting for good can be organized pretty simply, however there are a few things to keep in mind.

- **Who are the beneficiaries?** And what do they need? Before committing to crafting for good, you need to know where your crafts will find their home. If you already have a relationship with the unhoused community, ask them what they need and go from there.



If you don't already have a relationship, find a shelter or local group that does giveaways and find out from them what they need and what they will accept. Some of Foundation Beyond Belief's network teams do giveaways and will accept your craft donations. Find out if there is a Beyond Belief Network team in your area [here](#).

- **Pick a date or dates.** There are several ways to organize your crafting for good. You can do a one off event during which all the crafters work on their own over the course of a month and then bring the materials together to donate.

Another option is to craft every month. Combine your crafting for good with a social event. Crafters love a good sit and knit. If your group doesn't have a dedicated space, you can meet at a coffee shop or reserve a room at a public building like a library. Publicizing your events will bring out more people to your group and increase your impact.

- **Make goals.** Your goal will help motivate your group and will help ensure you have a meaningful impact. Make a realistic goal considering how many people you expect to participate and the length of time they have to craft.



- **Get donations too!** Give your community an option to participate even if they don't craft. They can donate money that you can donate along with your crafts. Or ask them to donate materials for whatever craft you are focusing on. If asking for materials, make sure to ask for specific materials, otherwise you'll likely get unusable scraps or materials unsuited for the projects you are working on.
- **Get the word out.** Advertise to your group, other freethought groups, friends and family, and in craft groups. Don't forget to ask fabric and craft stores if you can advertise at their locations too.

What to make?

- Washcloths
 - Crochet
 - Knitted
- Hats
 - Knitted
 - Crochet
 - No Sew Fleece

- Blankets — Even if it is warm during the day it can be chilly at night and blankets double as padding when not needed for warmth. If you decide to make blankets, please **make fleece only**. Other materials are too heavy, fall apart too easily, and are harder to keep clean. No sew fleece blankets are **quick and easy** for anyone at any crafting skill level.
 - [No sew fleece blankets](#)
 - [No sew, no knot fleece blankets](#)
- Reusable bags
 - [From large feed bags bags](#)
 - [From tshirts](#)
- Plarn (plastic yarn) ideas ([how to make plarn](#) — from [Austin Humanists at Work](#))
 - [Plarn bag](#)
 - [Plarn sleeping mat](#)

Questions or Concerns?

If you need help with planning your event or have additional questions, the best way to contact Foundation Beyond Belief is to use the [contact webform](#), which enables us to track the resolution of your question.