

## 22. ORGANIZING A SEW DAY

Sew days are a perfect way to keep the motivation going in your area. It is also an excellent venue for quilt presentations to one or two recipients. Quilters love to see a quilt they've worked on being presented to an injured CAF member or veteran. It encourages quilters to want to make more quilts and possibly get more involved.

Advanced planning goes a long way towards a fun, successful sew day. As a representative or group leader you will need to find a space that will host a QOVC sew day. The space should be large enough for 10 to 15 quilters to sit and sew in comfort. Ensure that your space has enough tables and chairs to accommodate your group. Some examples would be a Legion, a church hall or a quilt shop.

QOVC does not pay to use sew day spaces.

Advertise the sew day stating the date, time, and place and who is hosting (the store name). If the sew day is a recurring event (eg; monthly) ideally the day and time would be the same each month, 1st Tuesday of the month for example.

Advise the Quilters to bring the following items to the sew day:

- a sewing machine,
- thread,
- favourite sewing tools – scissors, pins, etc.
- a lunch,
- a drink
- and a sense of humour.

There are many different ways to approach your event. You may wish to provide each quilter with pre-cut block pieces cut from donated fabric, or you may ask that quilters bring fabrics from their stash to make into blocks. Quilters can also bring their own QOV projects to work on.

QOVC does not supply fabric for sew days.

### Checklist of items to bring:

- Cutting mat(s) and rotary cutters to create a couple of cutting stations
- Iron and ironing board
- Extension cords and power bars
- Display wall – a dollar store flannel backed table cloth works well
- Pattern/Instructions
- Precut fabric, if using

Example of a completed block