



PARKINSON'S DISEASE FOUNDATION QUILT PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

How to Get involved/ Registration Fees

Q) How do I get involved?

A) To begin, you must register on our website at <http://support.pdf.org/quilt>. If you have questions, please email us at quilt@pdf.org or call (800) 457-6676.

Q) How can I make a donation to the project?

A) To make a donation visit <http://support.pdf.org/quilt> and click on “Giving To the Quilt Project”.

You can also mail your donation to:

Parkinson's Disease Foundation
Attention: Parkinson's Quilt Project
1359 Broadway, Suite 1509
New York, NY 10018

Q) After I register, can I start making my panel?

A) No, please wait until you receive an email from the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF) with detailed instructions on creating your panel. These instructions help maintain the organization of the project and will be emailed to you within 48 hours of registration. However, feel free to start collecting fabric and crafts to start generating ideas on what you want your 2 foot by 2 foot panel to include. A medium weight, non-stretch fabric, such as cotton duck or poplin works best. We also require that you include 2 to 3 inches of extra fabric around the perimeter which means the final piece, including the designed panel and extra fabric, will be roughly 2 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches.

Questions About My Quilt Square

Q) Do I need sewing or quilting experience?

A) No, be creative! Use items such as appliqué, paint, markers, stencils, collage, photos. If you are honoring or remembering a person, please include their name and details of their life such as hometown, special talents and pictures.

Q) What material should I use for my panel(s)?

A) A medium weight, non-stretch fabric such as cotton duck or poplin works best. But once you register, please wait until you get the confirmation letter from PDF with detailed instructions before you actually begin designing your panel.

Q) Do I need to include a backing on my quilt square?

A) It is not necessary to include a backing on your square.

Q) In my design, what should I not use?

A) We recommend not using glue because it can deteriorate over time. Make sure everything is sewn where applicable.

Q) Do you have material available for my quilt square?

A) No. You will have to provide your own material.

Q) May I make a quilt with my support group/foundation/organization?

A) Yes! Sixteen 2 feet by 2 feet panels will make one full “block.” We will need extra material for the borders so please use 2 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches square feet of material or 76 centimeters x 76 centimeters. We encourage organizations around the world to create a “block” with your support group/foundation/organization. Please make sure that each panel is registered at <http://support.pdf.org/quilt> and under the group quilt name, put the name of your organization. Once complete, please mail the 16 panels together to ensure that they are sewn together. **Do not** sew them together- please include all the panels in one package with a note that you would like them sewn into the same quilt.

Q) How do I make sure my panels stay together?

A) If you are registering to make more than one panel, please make sure they are all sent together in one package. **Do not** sew them together- please include all the panels in one package with a note that you would like them sewn into the same quilt.

Q) How do I mail my panel or panels?

A) Once you have received the confirmation email from PDF and your panel is finished, please mail it to PDF at 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 USA. *Make sure you use FedEx, UPS or USPS to track your package.*

Q) What information do you need for my panel(s) statement?

A) Please describe the panel you created and share with us how creativity helps you or your loved one live with PD. Your statement could include something about the quilt panel, your relationship to Parkinson’s, and why you created the panel. Your story and a picture of your panel could be published in a promotional book for the Parkinson’s Quilt. Please email your statement to quilt@pdf.org. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Please keep your statement to 200 words or less. Please note: statements may be edited for grammar and style.

Q) May I get my panel back after it has been displayed around the country?

A) No, panels will be pieced together with other panels and we will be unable to separate them after the project ends. However, organizations that make one full block (16 panels) may have the opportunity to have their block returned after the quilt is displayed in 2011. Details on this will be available in 2011.

Q) Will the block featuring my panel be displayed locally?

A) After the World Parkinson Congress (WPC) in September 2010, groups will be able to rent blocks of the quilts for display. More information about renting will be available at a later date.

Q) Is there a deadline for my participation?

A) Yes, all panels must be received by Friday, July 23, 2010. Your panel must be received by this date. We cannot guarantee that all panels will be included in the quilt book but early submission of your panel increases the chance of your panel being included. All panels received will be sent to the WPC 2010 for display.

About the Parkinson's Quilt Project

Q) When will the Quilt be displayed?

A) The Quilt will be displayed at the WPC in Glasgow, Scotland, UK from Tuesday, September 28 – Friday, October 1, 2010. After the 2nd World Parkinson Congress the quilts will be available to rent for display at PD-related events.

Q) What is the ultimate size of the Quilt?

A) We hope to create 100 blocks (including 16 panels each) with a total of 1600 panels. Once sewn together, these blocks, when displayed in full will be considered Quilt Project.

Q) Is the size of the block/Quilt limited?

A) Yes. Each block has 16 2 foot by 2 foot panels with a maximum of 100 blocks. We will stop accepting registrations when we reach 100 blocks or Friday, July 23, 2010, whichever comes first.

Q) How will the Quilt Panels be added to the quilt?

A) Panels are sorted some geographically by regions, others by theme or appearance and then 16 of them are clustered together to make one “block” or small quilt which becomes part of the larger Quilt Project.

Q) Is this Quilt Project open to other Parkinson's organizations?

A) Yes, this is a global project to raise awareness about Parkinson disease. It is open to all individuals and foundations globally who would like to participate.

Q) Is this only a US project?

A) No. This is global initiative. Anyone touched by PD is encouraged to participate.