



GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZING A SEWING EVENT

Ryan's Case for Smiles delivers over 200,000 bright smiles to children in local hospitals each year because of people like you. Below are some guidelines for making your sewing event a success. Together we are one step closer to our goal of helping kids with cancer and life changing illnesses feel better to heal better!

SUPPLIES

- Tables and chairs (two chairs per sewing machine)
- Sewing machines, needles, and thread. Light gray thread works with all fabrics.
- A large cutting mat, a rotary cutter, and ruler. A few of each might be necessary.
- Pincushion, scissors and seam ripper at each machine and several at the pinning table.
- Iron and ironing board
- 100% cotton novelty for boys and girls ages 2-17, preferably not flannel. 3/4 yard fabric for the body and 1/3 yard for the border. Both should coordinate well and be cheerful and appealing to young children.
- Instructions downloaded from caseforsmiles.org.
- Clothesline and clothespins to display completed pillowcases. This is a great motivator!

HELPFUL HINTS

- Have sewing machines and supplies set up and all fabric cut and ready to sew
- Have 'samples' of completed pillowcases for the kids to see.
- Have an experienced sewer at each machine; non-sewers can cut and pin.
- Students can bring in their own fabric, but in our experience it works best if one person purchases all the fabric for the event.
- Pillowcases must be washed, ironed and placed in quart Ziploc bags before being delivered to the hospital. Please use unscented Detergent, NO fabric softener or dryer sheets, and check for pins or open seams.

HAVE FUN!

