

**Sewing Seeds for the Lord!**



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*Loving Hearts Sewing Group, a ministry of Greater Things Ministries*

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Loving Hearts Sewing Group is a group of loving, serving, and encouraging individuals who sew for missions locally and around the world. Some examples of things members have created are quilts, dresses, feminine items, projects for infants and children, and hospital necessities. We strive to follow Colossians 3:23: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men.*

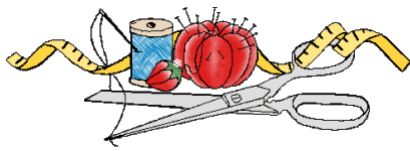
Loving Hearts Sewing Group is now under the umbrella of Greater Things Ministries, a New Hampshire nonprofit organization that supports missionaries in the Philippines as well as provides food and activities for local children. Members are encouraged to learn more about the GTM Community and Missions Outreach Store, Good News Clubs activities, and local food support (back-pack program for children and food pantry).

#### Member Guidelines

We will meet once a month on a designated Saturday. Currently this is the third Saturday of the month. If we find this date needs to be changed, it will be voted on by members.

To become an official voting member, participants need to attend at least four hours of group time in a three-month period, which is one Saturday every three months. A member has a voice in projects going forward, fundraising ideas, planning, and other decisions. We highly encourage participants to become members so they can contribute their ideas. The goal is to have all members in agreement; however, the Loving Hearts Sewing Group Leader, Theresa Methot, will make the final decision if all members are not in agreement.

We do welcome participants who sew only at home and do not attend meetings (see separate guidelines below). We encourage them to share their ideas, but they will not be able to vote on activities. At any time, however, a home helper can become a voting member when they attend group meetings at least once in a three-month period. We fully understand the concern over contracting Covid-19



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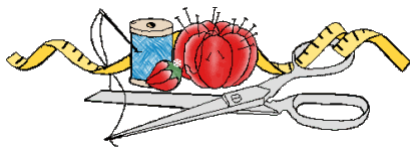
from group meetings and have initiated guidelines to protect participants, including separating workspaces by six feet, disinfecting all surfaces, and requiring face masks. Our prayer is participants will feel safe to come and join our meetings.

Every meeting will start at 10:00 AM with prayer and a short devotional. From 10:30-12:00, we will sew for missions and outreach projects. We will break at noon for lunch, and resume after lunch, from 12:30-2:00, to sew for fun, work on crafts, or continue to work on our mission projects. This is designed so that any member can attend one portion or all three and still be counted as a contributing member.

Home Helper Guidelines

If you are not ready or able to come to group meetings but would like to be involved by sewing at home, you will need to follow the guidelines below.

1. All work at home, including specific items, patterns, and quantities, will need to be approved by the leader. We ask that you work on one item at a time. For example, we are currently working on baby bags but also may be working on craft items to sell for fundraising. We ask that you choose one project at a time and finish it before starting a new project.
2. Only experienced sewers may work from home. We ask that you arrange a time with the leader on a non-meeting day (such as Wednesday) and prepare a sample item for her to review before beginning projects. At that time, the leader can also provide specific instructions and/or training on how to complete the required items.
3. GTM will not reimburse home sewers for materials they purchase on their own to complete projects. If home sewers have project ideas, they will need the approval of members before sewing. GTM will provide materials for approved projects, and home sewers can either pick up materials from the sewing group or donate the materials (donation receipts available upon request).
4. Home sewers will need to arrange a time to drop off finished projects to the leader or other members of the group.



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5. Any time you attend at least four hours in a three month period, you can become a voting member.
6. Those who knit and crochet have the same guidelines except they can use their own patterns to make baby booties and hats. However, GTM will not reimburse for yarn. If yarn is needed, those who knit and crochet will need make a request to the group for approval of cost, and GTM will purchase the needed materials upon approval.
7. Any helpers who want to donate yarn, flannel, or cottons can do so for their own use or call to arrange a drop off with the leader. We always welcome donations of baby yarn (specifically), flannels, or cottons as well as thread, sewing needles, etc. Donations receipts are available.
8. We encourage networking with other individuals who do not belong to a church or our group. However, membership approval will be needed before forming additional groups.
9. Most of all, in all things, pray, connect with your leaders, and be encouraged! We need each other and all our gifts and abilities to make the Loving Hearts Sewing Group a success.

We greatly appreciate everyone who participates in our sewing group, either in person or at home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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