

## North Dallas Chapter ~ Pillow Perspectives

### SEW AWESOME !!!

We have a BIG announcement. Thanks to the amazing generosity of the Quilters Guild of Plano, our chapter of ConKerr has been offered a booth at the Quilt Plano 2009 quilt show!! We are so excited to have an opportunity to get the word out and expand our mission.

Now you may ask, "what does this mean for me?" Well, it means **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to staff our booth. The show is August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the Plano Center. Booth set-up will be the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be handing out flyers and talking to people about the organization.

If you can volunteer an hour or two during any of those days please reply to this email and let us know. And definitely plan on supporting the Quilters Guild of Plano by going to the show ~ and bring your friends!

### Sew Much Fun

Have you been feeling sew lonely? Well, set aside some time the first Saturday of each month to head over to the **Sewing Room** in Frisco and join Diane Stutsman and friends for the pillowcase party. There are stations set up for cutting, pinning, sewing and ironing. Bring your fabric or use some of theirs. Even bring your non~sewing friends!

Anytime between 10am ~ 6pm  
Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

(no meeting in July this year because 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday is the 4<sup>th</sup> !)

### Total Donations

We are quickly approaching 500 cases donated from our chapter!! That's SEW amazing ~ great job sewing superstars!

### Fun with Fabric

Theme fabric is always a hit!

The hospital has a pediatric cardiac unit and says that heart fabric is a hit year~round.

Or pick up some 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Easter or other theme fabric on clearance and stock up for next year!!

For the inspiring story of ConKerr Cancer's founding and ongoing work please see the website at [www.conkerrcancer.org](http://www.conkerrcancer.org). These cases do make a difference!!

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## Sew Helpful

- A great website to checkout is [www.web77.org](http://www.web77.org) because it has instructions for a French-seam pillowcase. It has step by step pictures. If you haven't done this type before, don't worry ~ one practice case and you'll be a pro! The greatest thing is there are no exposed seams and no fraying (coordinators *love* that fact). Ooh~la~la!!
- If you are making pillowcases with regular seams, please run a zig~zag stitch in the hem and use pinking shears or a pinking blade on a roller cutter to trim. This will help prevent fraying.
- Remember to use 100% cotton fabric and wash and iron the pillowcases.
- Please use **quart** sized bags. This is what ConKerr Cancer requests. It makes it easier to store and distribute the cases when they are all uniform. We know it can be tricky to fit the cases in. We can bag the cases for you if you want to just fold the cases and include the quart bags separately. Some of the best bags are "store" brand or no-name bags ~ no need to pay more for the name brand!!
- As always, make sure the fabric is super festive and fun ~ suited for boys and girls ranging in ages from 2 – 18.

## Pillowcase Drop-Off locations

### Quilt Design Studio

624 Haggard St., Suite 707  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-422-0768

### The Sewing Room

8500 Gaylord Pkwy, #4  
Frisco, TX 75034  
972-315-1489

### Happiness is ... Quilting

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