



## DONATING FABRIC TO THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Thank you for considering us for your fabric donation.

The New England Quilt Museum has instituted a new Collection Care policy in order to preserve the collection and fabrics maintained within the museum. We ask that you not donate fabrics that have been stored in damp areas. Because of our partnerships with numerous community organizations and the Lowell Public Schools and being mindful of allergies, we can no longer accept fabrics that may have been exposed to cat or dog hair. We have no requirements about whether or not the fabric has been pre-washed. We no longer accept donations of batting and fiberfill.

We accept donations of current and collectable **quilting** fabrics (samples, fat quarters, yardage for borders and backing). Fabric designs include batiks, floral, novelties, reproductions, and solids. We accept donations of **sewing** and **quilting** notions.

Although many quilters use home decorating fabrics in their projects, it has not been a popular fabric for our in-house projects or the *Text and Textile Extravaganza* fundraiser. If you have some in your stash, we suggest you find a group who assembles sleeping bags for the homeless (an organization known as the Ugly Quilt Project), or other groups who make beds for local animal shelters. These organizations will also accept batting and fiberfill. Likewise, we ask that you donate clothing and bed linens, curtains, mattress pads, etc. to organizations such as Goodwill, Salvation Army or a local organization that helps families in resettlement.

If you have yarn, knitting, crochet or other needlework supplies, we suggest you contact your local community center, senior center or your city/town's park and recreation department. They often have knitting groups that may be in need of supplies.

Donated fabrics are accepted by appointment only. If you would like to donate, kindly email [Outreach@nequiltmuseum.org](mailto:Outreach@nequiltmuseum.org) or telephone to arrange for a day and time to deliver your fabrics. The museum is open Tuesdays - Saturdays 10AM - 4PM.

When we sort the fabrics, we set aside some that may be appropriate for an upcoming school grant or community partnerships. The balance is neatly packed away for our annual Text & Textile Extravaganza fundraiser. If you have not attended this event held each April, know that we pride ourselves on presenting a fabric buffet/smorgasbord rather than a rummage sale. Watch the website for the date for the next Text & Textile Extravaganza. You are sure to find great fabrics for your next project—and at great prices!

When our volunteers have sorted your fabric, you will receive a letter verifying your donation for tax deduction purposes.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact the museum.

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