

QUILT AFRICA · TRIBE GIVE BACK

Guild & Tribe Give Back Projects

*Making and giving, together —
warmth and dignity, handed to
children who need it most.*

What we make & give

Together, the Quilt Africa tribe makes and donates gifts to orphanages and hospitals — for babies, older children, and young men and women.

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Baby & Teen Quilts

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Feminine Hygiene Products

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Care Packs

We give **quilts, reusable sanitary pads and other feminine hygiene products, and care packs** (which can include shaving sticks, socks, toothbrushes, pencils, and pens).

I partner with active non-governmental organisations who are clearly making an impact in their areas of service — to ensure our donations reach the people who need them most.

Blankets can be made with any fabric — flannels, good cotton, not necessarily African fabric. The need is great, and the children will be pleased to receive any gift that keeps them warm and comfortable.

Please use the recommended materials for the reusable sanitary towels (tutorial below).

Below are recommended tutorials, sizes, and materials to help you get started.

Reusable pad tutorial

A recommended tutorial for making reusable pads:

actionaid.org.uk/blog/2019/05/24/how-make-your-own-reusable-sanitary-pads

Suggested quilt sizes

45 × 60"

Toddler / Crib Quilt

54 × 64"

Throw Quilt

70 × 90"

Twin Quilt

Suggested patterns

Children-friendly patterns and colourful fabrics are welcome. We want the children to be enthralled and to love their blankets — for most of them, it may be the only item they have ever had that is theirs and new.

As a caution — some cultural and religious beliefs do not permit images of animals or persons. Where possible, please keep your selected fabrics cheerful but free of human forms, animals, ghosts, monsters, and similar imagery.

Please don't feel you have to include cartoon characters or popular trends — the children receiving these gifts very likely don't have access to television programmes.

Suggested materials

Please note I am in a tropical climate, so thin / summer quilts are best. **Polyester batting of half an inch or less** works best, as well as fleece sheet or flannels.

Our temperatures are usually between 22–42°C (71–98°F).

Personalise your gifts

- Include a label with your name and location (country, state, an encouraging message).

That way the recipient of your gift will be able to write and say thank you, if possible.

Recommended packaging

- Wash your quilts and package them in a clear plastic bag to protect them from the rigours of trans-Atlantic travel. It will also be lovely for a child to open your parcel and catch a whiff of you (and nice-smelling detergent!).
- Indicate the size on a sticker on the clear plastic, so distribution is easier — I won't have to open the bag to check age-appropriateness.
- Note whether the quilt (colours and design) suits a boy or a girl, alongside the size, on the sticker.
- If possible, package reusable pads in a drawstring bag, and include other feminine hygiene products and anything small and cute alongside them.

To keep shipping costs low, smaller, lighter-weight and non-bulky items are preferable. Please compress quilts as much as you can — shippers charge by both weight and volume.

Shipping to me

Getting items shipped to me is always a bit of a challenge — but I've found a way around it using a US/Nigerian worldwide freight-forwarding company that receives items from you and gets them to me in Nigeria.

I'll need your help offsetting the shipping cost.

Current shipping rate

\$6.50 per lb to Abuja. Shippers consider **both weight and volume** — please bring your packing skills and compress quilts as much as possible. When volume is the higher measure, the cost goes up; if that happens, I'll share the receipt and hopefully you can help with the difference.

Shipping is quite slow — it may take 3–4 weeks before I receive it. Shipments from the US leave for Nigeria every Friday.

Shipping from outside the US? Please email me first at miriam@quiltafabricfabrics.com.

Pay the shipping amount

Pay the calculated shipping to the links created strictly for shipping:

PayPal: paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=6KTULWPAHZUK2

Credit / debit card: quiltafabricfabrics.com/products/shipping-fees-for-qaf-guild-donations

US ship-to addresses

Once you've paid the shipping, send your parcel to whichever forwarder is more convenient for you.

Address the parcel to the exact name shown below. The parcel must carry that person's name, or the building will return it — please do not add or substitute any other name.

SOUTH & CENTRAL US · TEXAS

Omolara Roberts

19826 Middlegate Ln
Richmond, TX 77407

EAST COAST US · GEORGIA

Abdul Abdulrahman

2000 Sullivan Road, Suite C
Atlanta, GA 30337

After you ship, please email miriam@quiltafabricfabrics.com to say your parcel is on its way, so we can watch out for it.

Shipping outside the US

If you are shipping from any country outside the US, please email me first at **miriam@quiltafabricfabrics.com** and I'll help arrange it.

Additional monetary donation

If you'd like to make an additional monetary donation, you can do that here:

paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LNZKY26Y6DXBS

This donation goes towards:

- Paying the term/session fees of children who are eager for an education, performing well, but unable to afford the fees to start or stay in school.
- Providing school supplies (pencils, books), food, and clothing for children, widows, and others who need a helping hand.
- Offsetting minimal logistics costs to get supplies to the locations that need them.

This drive isn't limited to blankets and quilts — toys, school supplies, clothing, sanitary and personal hygiene supplies are all welcome.

The steps, at a glance

- 1 Launder and clean your quilt, blanket, or item; label it with your personal details; package it in clear plastic, ready to be gifted.
- 2 Indicate the size and the appropriate gender on the plastic wrapping.
- 3 Weigh your individual parcels — this gives you an idea of what the shippers will charge.
- 4 Compress the items to avoid bulk (shippers charge by weight **and** volume).
- 5 Pay the shipping (current rate **\$6.50 per lb** to Abuja): [paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=6KTULWPAHZUK2](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=6KTULWPAHZUK2)
- 6 Ship your parcel to the forwarder's address:

Texas (South & Central US): Omolara Roberts, 19826 Middlegate Ln, Richmond, TX 77407

Georgia (East Coast US): Abdul Abdulrahman, 2000 Sullivan Road, Suite C, Atlanta, GA 30337

Address to the exact name shown, or the parcel will be returned. After shipping, email miriam@quilttafricafabrics.com to say it's on the way.

Thank you so much for being part of this big thing we are doing for children who need every help and encouragement to hope.

My prayer is that this act of your kindness will give them the push they need to transcend their circumstances and become valuable citizens of our world.

May God bless your compassion, generosity, and kindness.

— Miriam