



Suggestions for Market Place Items

March 2009

Crafts, Comforter & Quilt Guidelines, Plants

TriState Relief Sale 2009 – July 17 & 18

All crafts must be NEW and HANDCRAFTED

Suggested Items:

Wood Items (wood items are always a hit, a variety of items is best.)

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| Toys | Picture Frames |
| Small Furniture | Yard Decorations |
| Bird Houses/Feeders | Gadgets |

Handmade/Sewn Items

(If you need fabric, contact Anita Lowery (301) 895-5003 or alowery@mdisp.com)

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| Wall Hangings | Stuffed Animals |
| Crib Comforters | Place Mats |
| Comforters | Potholders |
| Dolls/Doll Clothing | Towels |
| Bag Holders | Photo Albums |
| Pieced quilt tops | Clothing |
| Children's Books | Items made from denim |
| Vests | |

Decorative Items

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| Doilies | Dried flowers and arrangements |
| Candles | Wall Hangings |
| Tole Painting | Ceramics/Pottery |
| Wreaths | |

Christmas Items

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| Wreaths | Centerpieces |
| Ornaments | Angels |
| Tree Skirts | Decorations |
| Stockings | |

Book Table (These items may be new *or* used.)

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| Cookbooks | Magazines that include craft or recipe ideas |
| Quilting or Sewing Books | |

Theme Baskets (This is a good project for a family or small group. Gather similar items and place attractively in a basket) **Due to health regulations, home canned items may not be included!**

Some suggestions follow. For more ideas, go to the Internet and search for "Gift Baskets".

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| Coffee, Tea and Chocolates | Meditations with God |
| Family Fun/Game Night | Barbie and Friends |
| A Day at the Beach | Summertime Fun at Home |
| A Night at the Movies (candy, popcorn, gift certificates, videos) | Gardening Fun |
| Family Picnic/Barbecue | Teen's Fun |
| Baby Gifts | Children's Reading |
| Beach Basket | |
| Let's Get Creative (crafts, scrap booking supplies, paints, markers) | |
| A Night of Romance (candles, lotions, sparkling cider, romantic music, heart frame, love notes) | |

(more suggestions on page 2)

Clean out your quilt closets for MCC!

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Sewing Table

Kits (finished or unfinished)

Sewing supplies

Quilt Patterns (old or new)

Wooden Spools

Cloth Sacks – feed, flour, salt or sugar

Quilt frames/supplies/tools

Pieces of Fabric (new)

Quilt blocks

Finished or unfinished quilt tops

Buttons – Buttons may be sorted and placed in small bags or jar collections may be dropped off at Four Seasons Stitchery in Grantsville or given to a Relief Sale representative.

Plants - Now is the time to start house plants. Start new plants from your present house plants or seeds. Please include plant names and directions if possible.

The Market Place Committee would greatly appreciate receiving the items (or be advised of your donation) by June 30. Please contact Anita Lowery (301) 895-5003 or alowery@mdisp.com with any questions.

Baked Goods

Please contact Anita Lowery for baked goods guidelines. More diabetic items are needed. You may want to be thinking about creating Party Mixes or Pancake/Cookie Mixes that include directions. Use your imagination! Package the items attractively (tie with a pretty ribbon or label.) An example would be preparing funnel cake mix in a brown lunch bag, add a colorful face and a funnel on top for a hat! Package some items in small quantities.

Baked goods sell out fast. We need additional items for later buyers.

Suggestions for Comforters and Quilts:

General Quilt Sizes: Twin– 72” x 90”, Full– 81” x 90”, Queen– 90” x 108”, King– 105” to 120” square

Comforters: Larger full-sized comforters (approx. 90x108) that are color-coordinated in cotton, flannel and other washable attractive fabrics are preferred and do well at most sales. Baby crib comforters also should be soft, durable, washable and color-coordinated. Smaller lap robe comforters that are odd sizes (usually long and narrow), mixed scrap comforters that are not color coordinated, and any type of polyester double knit does not sell well. Hand knotted comforters appear more attractive and hold up better after washing when crochet cotton is used rather than yarn.

Blue jeans comforter/blanket kits may be purchased from Mennonite Central Committee for \$19.99 plus shipping. The kit includes 200 squares, 6 pockets, instructions. Finished size is 65” x 87”. Order by calling MCC at 717-859-1151, ask for MCC Store or go to http://secure.mcc.org/mccstore/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=2&products_id=420

Quilts: Larger quilts (queen and king) are in demand due to larger beds and deeper mattresses. Can you add a border to your full-sized pattern?

Vintage Quilts: Be on the lookout for older quilts in good or fair condition at yard sales or auctions. Collectors are always looking for these items and someone’s throw away may be another person’s treasure. The results of that purchase could be a treasure-store for MCC recipients.

Call Yvonne or Jane as soon as possible if you have vintage quilts to donate so they may be appraised.

Questions on quilts or comforters, call Yvonne Devers (814) 479-4827 or Jane Benson (301) 895-5893.

Please submit quilts and comforters by May 30, 2009 to promote your item at its best advantage.

Encourage groups to work together on a project. Experience the fun of helping others!

*Remember – for every \$1.00 raised, 3 people will be fed for 5 days
in some countries MCC supports. www.mcc.org*