

Knitting for Kino

Knitting is a fun and creative outlet, and it is known to reduce stress and increase literacy. Now is a great time to start a new hobby or dust off your knitting needles to make baby blankets for our friends at the border.

WHAT IS KINO?

Kino is a faith-based nonprofit that straddles the border between Nogales, AZ, and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Among their many services is a soup kitchen in Mexico that serves those from Central America and beyond who have been deported back to Mexico from the US and/or are waiting in Mexico to enter the US. They also run a 'safe house' for women who have been trafficked. Visit the website to learn more www.kinoborderinitiative.org to learn more. Kino is named for the Jesuit missionary Eusebio Kino who was born in Italy and organized communities in southern Arizona and Mexico.

“Kino Border Initiative - the church without frontiers” from Pete Burr on Vimeo.

<https://vimeo.com/206180020>

What is the connection to Holy Trinity?

Holy Trinity parishioners have traveled to Kino and a fifth is scheduled for the first weekend in November (God willing!). After our trips, we have felt compelled to 'do something' - as a result, our parish community now legally sponsors a political asylum seeker from Nicaragua and helps a young man and a family from Honduras and a woman and her 5-year old daughter from Gabon, among others. Many of these brothers and sisters have come to us via Kino.

What can I do?

Holy Trinity has an ever-expanding and always enthusiastic Migrant Support Team led by Jeanne Rossomme. The team meets by zoom or brief conference call every Monday night to update one another and trouble-shoot issues as they arise. Join the call to learn more or subscribe to the eLetter to know what the needs are locally and beyond DC.

Email aklick@trinity.org for more information.



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As border policies have shifted over time, we've seen more and more single moms and families at Kino - and sometimes these are very young moms with infants or babies. The blanket you are making will keep one of these children warm on a cold desert night or on a long bus ride.

Specifications:

TYPE: Knit, crochet or... tie!

MATERIALS: Soft yarn (not wool in case of allergies). Soft fleece if you're opting for the tied blanket. The number of skeins depends on the size you choose. (See note below).

PATTERN: Your choice - go for warmth rather than a lacy look.

SIZE: Baby blanket sizes range from 36x36 inches to 40x40.

***NOTE:** I'm crocheting one that will be about 38x38. I have 7 skeins of yarn; I am doing single crochet. Heidi's blanket (photo below), is 40x45 and she uses 8 skeins.*

Your children can also make one of those cozy fleece blankets that are made by tying two pieces of fleece together, adapting the size for a baby and factoring in that the blanket size does not include the ties (otherwise, you'll have a very small blanket with lots of fringe-like edging). How to Make a Fleece Tie Blanket <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket>

Wow! What a Beautiful Blanket!

Once you are done, please take a photo and share with communications@trinity.org

Mail your blanket to: Kino Border Initiative, 81 North Terrace Avenue, Nogales, AZ 85621, Attention: Joanna Williams (Baby Blanket). Please add a note inside that you are from Holy Trinity, Washington, DC

Gracias!



RESOURCES

DC

Looped Yarn Works

<https://loopedyarnworks.com/>

VA

Fibre Space

<https://fibrespace.com/>

MD

Wool Winders

woolwinders.com

Second Story Knits

<https://www.secondstoryknits.com/>
