

Dear Special Person,

Thank you for your interest in helping make Breast Cancer Heart Pillows and Drainage Bag Covers. This project was started, sadly, because of my mom's breast cancer diagnosis. Breast cancer and breast cancer treatment (vital as it is) can make so many everyday things uncomfortable and even painful. The pressure of a seatbelt in a car can hurt. Even sitting on the couch watching television can cause discomfort from the pressure of your arm being against your body. I've also heard how heartbreaking it is to have a drainage bag hanging and have the fluids visible to everyone around. People have even tied grocery bags to their waist, just so they don't have to hold the drainage bags or have the fluids visible. So many simple things can become very difficult for someone dealing with breast cancer.

The Breast Cancer Heart Pillows and Drainage Bag Covers can help alleviate some of this discomfort and stress. Fortunately for my mom, someone sewed a heart pillow and donated it to her breast cancer coordinator. Because of that generosity, I've seen firsthand the difference the heart pillow can make. My mom is able to drive, and not have to ride in the back of the car to avoid the pressure of the seatbelt. She is able to sleep easier; and sit on the couch with more comfort and less pain.

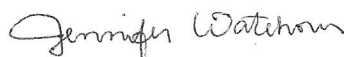
I believe these pillows and covers can help anyone undergoing treatment for breast cancer. That's why I've set out to get at least 100 of each made by July 2015. But I have no intention of stopping there. I would love to get sewers in all 50 states, and other countries, to sew these items for people in their area. Though we haven't been able to put an end to breast cancer, we can help ease the physical pain and provide a bit of dignity to those dealing with it.

If you can't sew, but would still like to help by donating, you can purchase fabric, ½" ribbon, polyester fiberfill, or thread. The color of fabric and ribbon doesn't matter; remember, both women and men get breast cancer. A neutral color thread is best; but even if you have some left from a project you were working on, anything will help. If you'd rather purchase a gift card, you can do so from JoAnn's and mail it to me; or you can call The Quilted Crow at (978) 266-9102, The Bunkhouse at (603) 654-6734, The Hometown Quilter at (810) 287-8816, or Bits n Pieces at (603) 635-9705. When you call, tell them you want to purchase a gift card for me to use for the breast cancer project, and ask them to let me know it is there. They will get it to me, and it will go toward the purchase of fabric and thread. I know all of these shop owners personally and each of them is committed to helping on this important project. The Quilted Crow is even having a charity sew day on March 4, 2015 and opening the classroom for free for us to sew. Other shops will be helping as well, but these are the ones I have worked with often, and they have already begun helping.

Thank you for taking the time to help. Feel free to be creative in making the pillows and drainage bag covers. I only ask that you keep the pillows the size of the template. Otherwise, they may not provide the needed comfort to the patients. If your drainage bag cover comes out slightly larger, that is okay (just remember that, if it is too big, it will be awkward). Just try not to make it smaller, since it needs to cover the bag.

Words can't thank you enough for helping! Individually we can accomplish a lot. Together, we can move mountains.

With sincere thanks, appreciation, and hugs,



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