

**TIP:** Use the shaded area on the inside of this brochure to measure your sections as you knit or crochet or cut out a 7" by 9" cardboard template to use as a guide.

## Crocheting Pattern

**Materials:**  medium weight acrylic yarn, such as worsted weight

**Hook:** 4 mm/G-6 or size necessary to obtain gauge

**Gauge:** 9 stitches = 2"

Finished size of each section: 7" by 9"

### Single Crochet Section

Chain 30 for the foundation row.

**Row 1:** Single crochet in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 and turn your work.

**Row 2:** Working under the two top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn. Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9". Fasten off.

## Knitting Pattern

**Materials:**  medium weight acrylic yarn, such as worsted weight

**Needle:** 4.5 mm/7 or size necessary to obtain gauge

**Gauge:** 5 stitches = 1"

**Finished size of each section:** 7" by 9"

### Garter Stitch Section

Cast on 35 stitches. Knit every row until piece measures 9". Bind off.

## Assembly

Warm Up America! receives requests for different blanket sizes. (See chart on back cover.) If you do not have enough sections to complete an adult afghan, consider assembling a baby, lap or child-size afghan.

To join sections, we recommend making strips first as follows:

Using a yarn needle and yarn, join rectangles by weaving or backstitching the seams together, or crochet them together using a single crochet stitch. To give an attractive, finished appearance to the afghan, many volunteers work two rows of single crochet around the edges.

Volunteers are encouraged to assemble and donate afghans in their own communities because Warm Up America! is a program of neighbors helping neighbors. However, sections and afghans also can be shipped directly to the Foundation for completion and distribution to social service agencies for people in need.

**Thank you for helping Warm Up America!**

Approximate number of squares it takes to make a blanket		
Type of Afghan	# of Squares	Completed Size
Baby	20	36" x 35"
Lap	25	45" x 35"
Child	36	54" x 42"
Adult	49	63" x 49"

For more information on how you can start a Warm Up America! group and obtain more free patterns and joining tips, log on to [www.WarmUpAmerica.org](http://www.WarmUpAmerica.org). And if you already are involved in WUA!, send us pictures of yourself, your group and afghan(s) so we can share them at our website or post them on our Facebook page.

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and clothing for people in need.



## A Winning Program

Warm Up America! is a 501C3 charity made up of volunteers who knit and crochet handmade afghans and clothing for those in need. Whether they work alone or in groups with friends, family members, or co-workers, participants share a commitment to help their neighbors and serve their communities.

*Warm Up America! afghans are distributed to:* American Red Cross Chapters • Children's Hospitals • Women's Shelters • Hospitals and Hospices • Veterans' Homes • Homeless Shelters • Social Services Agencies • Nursing Homes • AIDS Facilities • and many other charities

## History

Warm Up America! was started in the early 1990s when Evie Rosen had the idea to donate colorful, patchwork afghans to homeless shelters. She gathered friends and customers in her yarn shop in Wausau, Wisconsin to knit and crochet 7" by 9" sections and asked others to join the sections together.

Within one year, a thousand volunteers had joined Evie's group and word spread to other states. By 1995, the program was an overwhelming success and Evie turned to the Craft Yarn Council, the yarn industry's trade association, for assistance. In 2002, Warm Up America! was incorporated as a 501C3 charitable foundation.

## Friendship Shawls



In addition to afghans, the Foundation encourages volunteers to make Friendship Shawls—knitted or crocheted wraps that provide comfort and warmth to individuals experiencing medical or other difficulties. They can be made for a friend, family member or a stranger and donated locally or through Warm Up America! to nursing homes,

hospitals and shelters. Visit [www.FriendshipShawl.org](http://www.FriendshipShawl.org) for more details and free patterns.

## Targeted Campaigns & Partnerships

Throughout its history, Warm Up America! has called on its volunteers to assist in special campaigns. Whether it is to provide comfort and warmth for Katrina families or those devastated by fire, Warm Up America! volunteers answer the call.

Currently, Warm Up America! has a call for donations for Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, TX, a county hospital. Thousands of babies are born at Parkland every year and the nurses would like to wrap every baby in a beautiful hand knitted or crocheted blanket. In addition, Parkland needs adult afghans and clothing as well.

In past partnerships, the Warm Up America! Foundation rallied knitters and crocheters from around the country to work with the global humanitarian organization, Save the Children. In two separate campaigns, hundreds of thousands of caps were created and distributed through Save the Children health facilities in Bangladesh, Malawi and other developing countries.

The Foundation has also worked with Ronald McDonald House Charities, providing individual Ronald McDonald houses with afghans and hats when needed.

For more information about current campaigns, visit [www.WarmUpAmerica.org](http://www.WarmUpAmerica.org).

### Contribution Form

Make an online contribution or complete and mail this form along with your check to the Foundation's office.

Enclosed is my contribution for:

\$15  \$25  \$75  \$100  Other

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## Children and Community Service

The Warm Up America! Foundation strongly promotes community service among young people, from grammar school students to high school age. Involvement in Warm Up America! fosters interest in community service, while children learn skills that will last a lifetime. At the Foundation's website, there is a special section for teachers and childcare professionals, which includes helpful information about teaching knit and crochet to children and introducing Warm Up America! to the classroom.



## PATTERNS AND ASSEMBLY TIPS

Gather together a group of friends or co-workers. Use the following easy patterns or a favorite stitch pattern of your choice. Forty-nine sections are needed to complete a full-size afghan; approximately 32 sections for a child's afghan and 25 to make a baby blanket or lap rob. If you prefer to make an entire afghan, you can use any stitch design and size. We recommend using acrylic yarn because it is washable and dryable but any easy-care fiber can be used. Measure your section often, using the shaded area on the inside of this brochure. Weave in yarn ends as you complete a section. It saves assembly time later!