**WEE CARE QUILTS**

One of the hospitals needed small blankets 18” x 18” or 30” square. They do not recommend bright colors for the blankets that would be used for NICU and live babies. I have been making the smaller size, using 5 inch squares (also called charm squares). I sew 4 of them across and 4 down. I put a backing on it – right sides together and sew around leaving an opening to turn. I like to use flannel – it’s so soft and easy to work with. After I turn it right side out I give it a quick press and then stitch around the edges and down and across the seams. You do not need to use batting with these little blankets.

You can make a larger blanket/quilt about 30 inches square. I’ve seen them done with 2 pieces of flannel sewn together and quilted in the same style as the small ones. You can crochet around the edges of the flannel blankets, bind the edges or serge the edges.

You can also knit or crochet baby blankets. There are lots of ideas out on YouTube and Pinterest.

This is a link for knitted and crocheted patterns.

[https://www.knotsoflove.org/nicu-blanket-patterns](about:blank).

This site has a nice tutorial on making blankets for the hospitals.

[https://www.instructables.com/id/NICU-Blankets](about:blank).