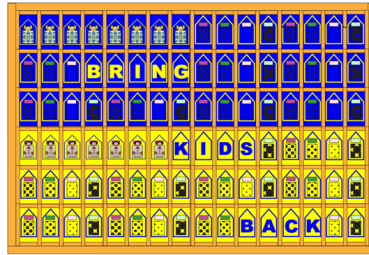


CHILDREN OF UKRAINE PROJECT



Reason for the flag quilt

“SINCE THE BEGINNING OF UNPROVOKED INVASION TO UKRAINE FEB 24TH 2022, THOUSANDS OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY REMOVED BY RUSSIA FROM THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND HOMES. THE FIGURE STANDS AT 19,546 CHILDREN TAKEN. WHILST ONLY 1366 HAVE BEEN RETURNED.”
(SOURCE TAKEN FROM [HTTPS://WWW.BRINGKIDSBACK.ORG.UA/](https://www.bringkidsback.org.ua/))

VISION

The aim is to create a large quilt in the shape and colours of the Ukrainian flag. Each block will have an outline of a house stitched onto it. The outline of the house is to mimic the logo of the Bring Kids Back Campaign. In the house will be a small quilted blanket stitched onto the fabric in the middle of the house. The blanket will ideally be decorated with embroidered Ukrainian symbols and patterns. Each blanket is empty until a child is returned.

Stuffed miniature dolls will be double sided (one side unhappy – yet to be returned, and one side happy – when returned)

When a child is returned back to Ukraine, the happy doll will be placed inside the blanket in the house to symbolise retuning to home. This will hopefully be fully populated.

There are 19,546 dolls needed to be made and 19,546 blocks to be made.

Makers Information

OVERVIEW

Thankyou for taking the first step to click on this link ☺

Firstly please take a moment to fill out this Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14be80TNyVfV_9kCUaw2YHfg8dD22tg7O45iLaqgAeOk/edit

This will enable you to have access to the current shipping address(es). When shipping, please ensure you say who you are. I will contact you by email with the templates to download. Whilst the templates are free, a donation of a \$ to the project would be welcomed.

All donations will be sent to various Ukraine charities including Voices of Children Ukraine: <https://voices.org.ua/en/stories>

U24/Sky Sentinel (supported by Bring Kids Back Campaign):

<https://u24.gov.ua/sky-sentinel>

There is absolutely no minimum amount of blocks/dolls you can make, I will be grateful for any. At this moment there is no deadline to have them in by, as this will be ongoing until all children have been returned.

I have a template for the doll, but I am open to your interpretation of what the finished doll looks like. ☺

Dolls

Measurements

The finished doll will be around 10cm (H) x 5cm (W) across.



The flat template will measure at 12cm (H) x 7cm (W) which includes a 1cm allowance between the outline of the child and the edge of the fabric (when cut out).

The seam allowance is 0.5cm.

Each doll is double sided and the outlines of the body, face and features are hand stitched, but you could use free machine embroidery.

The clothes can be embroidered or appliqued onto the doll before sewing the fronts and backs together. Stuffing can be fabric scraps or polyfill.

Imperfection is welcomed to give them personality – even better if children make them.

Fabrics - dolls

In my mock ups I have used plain white cotton. For the clothes I have used again, cotton scraps and blanket stitched them onto the doll. You may want to embroider a design onto the fabric or paint the clothes onto the fabric – the more diverse the better.

Blocks – blue or yellow only (Ukraine flag colours)

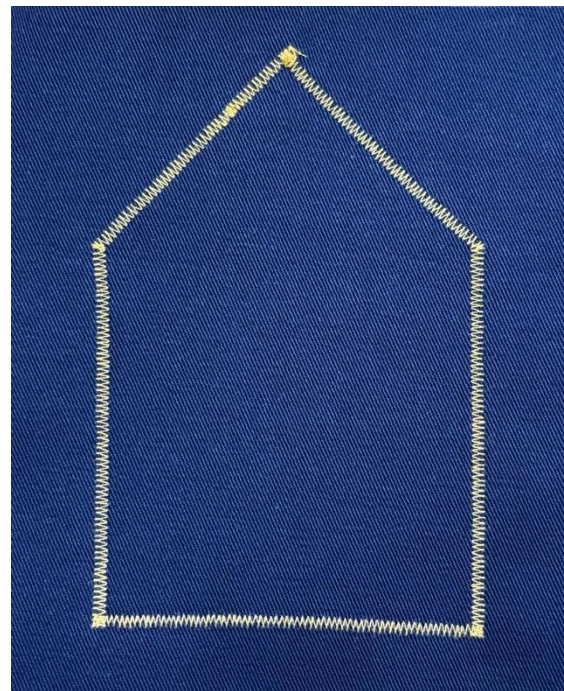
The block size I used is 19cm x 19cm.

The house size is 16cm (H) x 11cm (W) and is zig zag stitched directly onto the fabric with a stabilizer fabric underneath.

On a blue block – the stitching will be yellow.

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This is to represent the Bring Kids Back logo



Fabrics – blocks

The fabric I used was again a woven cotton (yellow) and cotton drill (blue). You can use a similar cotton, but please use a sturdy woven structure.

Blanket & pillow

The pillow has two sides and the middle is batting – this is stitched directly onto the block.

Pillow: 4.5cm (H) x 5.5cm (W) template

Finished measurements: 4cm (H) x 5cm (W)

0.5cm seam allowance

The blanket (if using fabric) is the same as the pillow.

If using a cross stitch pattern on Aida cloth, then this will be the top layer, middle layer – batting and a fabric layer on the bottom.

Again directly stitched onto the block fabric.

Blanket: 9cm (H) x 9cm (W) template

Finished measurements: 8cm (H) x 8cm (W)

0.5cm seam allowance



Mailing

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I will be in touch via email to give you the shipping address(es). I've opted to gather makers' information before sharing shipping addresses to protect myself. I hope you understand ☺

Other ways to help:

Spread the word amongst your creative clubs, friends, social media groups etc.

Facebook account: [Children of Ukraine](#)

Instagram account: https://www.instagram.com/children_of_ukraine/

Email: childrenofukraineproject@gmail.com

Where will the finished quilt go?

My aim is to somehow get it to Ukraine to present it to President Zelenskyy and his wife who are the founders of the Bring Kids Back campaign. <https://www.bringkidsback.org.ua/>

But we are a long way off this goal just yet ;)

Finances:

There will be accumulating costs for the production (shipping it, finding space to make/keep/share it, etc.) and if you feel inclined, [I've created a Kofi account where you can donate directly for funds and Ukrainian charities.](#)

Thankyou so much for collaborating on this project and raising awareness for the stolen children of Ukraine.