

March Madness Million Pillowcase Challenge

Lois Schatz, our dear friend and colleague passed away in October 2019. She had been part of the team at Lori's Country Cottage for over 20 years, working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep us all organized (and clean!), and working in the store serving our customers with grace and humor. Diagnosed only in June, Lois succumbed in October to a very aggressive form of pancreatic cancer. She is greatly missed.

Lois was an active supporter of the Million Pillowcase Challenge. This March we would like to honor Lois's memory by continuing with her efforts to create smiles in our midst, one pillowcase at a time.

Join the staff and community at Lori's Country cottage in March as we participate in the Million Pillowcase Challenge! This year we are sewing cases for the Strathcona Women's Shelter.

You can help and participate by

1. **Joining** us each Tuesday in March from 10 am to 4 pm at our community sewing days. Bring your machine and supplies and settle in for the fun and fellowship of a pillowcase sewing bee. Let's see if we can set a new record for cases made per day, each Tuesday, as the weeks go by! Come for a few hours, the whole day or every Tuesday- every bit helps!
2. **Donating** unused cotton yardage, spools of thread, or your time to assist with the sewing and pressing. We are making a standard case that uses .3 m for the band, and .7 m for the case. Of course, any pillowcase that fits a standard bed pillow or larger is great!
3. **Bringing** in pillowcases you make at home to be added to our count and donated.

We hope to build a floor to ceiling stack of folded pillowcases.

New to Pillowcase sewing? Staff from the store will be there to teach and guide even the newest of pillowcase sewing newbies! We will have pillowcase kits at a special price for those sewing in the store on community sewing days.

As an added bonus each Tuesday, if you are interested, free of charge and exclusively for registered sew day participants, Debra will demonstrate an embellishment technique for you to try on a plain pillowcase or pillowcase cuff. Learn something new and apply it right away!

As our sewing space is limited we ask that you register your intent to participate in the Tuesdays Sew Days. Registration is free. We will supply table space, irons and lots of talk! Bring your lunch!